

ansky guilty French steward worse;
of criminal contempt another body found
near scene of crash



MEYER LANSKY

MIAMI (AP). — Reputed underworld financier Meyer Lansky was indicted yesterday of criminal contempt, refusing to answer a grand jury subpoena. No was set for sentencing, and he walked out of the court, escorted by U.S. marshals, on a \$500,000 bond. Lansky's first conviction was in the early 1950s, when he was sentenced to a minor prison term for a minor violation. After the eight women and four jurors retired, Judge James King told them they should reach an "innocent verdict" at they Lansky's claim that he had a too ill to travel from Tel Aviv before the Federal Grand jury. The jury was investigating alleged profit skimming at the Angelo Hotel Casino in Las Vegas. Lansky was arrested in Miami November 7 after the Israeli government had ordered him to leave after an 18-month stay, and half-drawn Latin American consular refused to grant him entry. The trial which opened Monday at Lansky was too ill to travel from Miami from Israel. A deposition by Dr. David Peled of Tel Aviv's read to the jury. It stated the plane had advised Lansky that it could endanger his health. Prosecutor Douglas McKinnon said he was unable to prove collusion between Lansky and the doctor. He said Dr. Peled's letter of Feb. 11 about Lansky's illness is scheduled to be tried in Miami on March 19 on income tax evasion charges and to go on in Las Vegas on June 4 in connection with the alleged profit skimming. The contempt conviction, he said, could be fined, jailed, or both. (See earlier story — page 6)

Iraq may buy Concorde, French say

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
TEHRAN — French aviation officials here Tuesday said Iraq appears to be interested in the Concorde, a supersonic transport. Concorde was a visit to Baghdad by Ziegler, managing director of state-owned French aircraft firm Sudavia. Ziegler returned to Paris on Tuesday after three days of talks here. Iraqi capital with minister. Late Iraqi Ambassador, who is a minister of transport, and government leaders. Officials said their talks covered the sale of Concorde to Iraq, as well as the Concorde's only Middle Eastern country at present holds two options Concorde is Lebanon's Middle Airlines. Such sources here also considered a report in the Beirut newspaper "Al-Nasr" that Iraq and Britain are launching a joint venture to sell Concorde to Arab countries. Such and British air industry men have always stressed the American argument that the Concorde's range and operating costs is too high for routes between Europe and the Middle East.

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Jerusalem Post Staff
HEERSHEBA — Jean Pierre Burdial, the French steward in the Libyan airline disaster, was in grave condition at Soroka Medical Center here last night. Doctors said they had to perform emergency surgery Tuesday night after Mr. Burdial started coughing up blood. He then lost consciousness. The operation disclosed that he has serious internal injuries. Until the release, doctors thought the 40-year-old steward was in the best condition of all seven survivors of last Wednesday's Sinai crash, in which at least 105 persons lost their lives. His good spirits and friendly attitude has made him a favorite among the hospital staff. His wife is with him at the hospital. The army spokesman announced that the remains of a boy were found yesterday in the vicinity of the Libyan plane, which crashed 20 kms. east of the Suez Canal last Wednesday. This brings to 105 the number of persons known to have been killed in the disaster. The Red Cross has been informed. A search of the crash area is continuing. Meanwhile, no change was reported last night in the condition of the other five patients at Soroka. But one of them — an unidentified man still unconscious — remains in critical condition. Also in serious, but not critical, condition with injuries near the rectum and a broken leg, is Libyan car salesman Assad Shukur. He is recovering from a head injury. He has been a former Libyan government minister. A Jordanian, Abdullah el-Khalil, is slowly recovering from lung burns. Some of his family, including his wife, are at his bedside. An Egyptian patient, Faisal Mohammed el-Shariya, has a broken pelvis, but is described as being in better condition. Also recovering from burns is a Libyan mechanic, Fathi Abdullah el-Kom, 18. From Hadassah Hospital it was reported last night that a slight improvement occurred in the blood oxygenation of the Libyan co-pilot, Yusef A'id el-Mehdi, who is being treated in a special respiratory-care unit. He suffered lung injuries, and his blood was not drawing sufficient oxygen. The Hadassah spokesman said el-Mehdi was still not out of danger. The Red Cross representative for the West Bank yesterday visited el-Mehdi at the hospital. On Tuesday night Defence Minister Moshe Dayan took the co-pilot's Greek-born wife, Haya Theodoropoulou, to dinner and on a tour of Bethlehem. The wife, who travels on a Libyan passport, was given special permission by the Foreign Ministry last week to enter Israel. (See earlier story on page 2)

French mission here for probe

LOD AIRPORT. — An official French civil aviation delegation arrived here last night by El Al to investigate the circumstances of the downing of the Libyan Boeing 727 in Sinai last week. The delegation comprises two representatives of the French Civil Aviation Authority and an Air France official. Immediately on arrival, they retired to a room in the administration building here to discuss their agenda with Yehuda Rabin, Israel's Civil Aviation Administrator, Israel Paigi of Lod Airport, and Air France's representative in Israel, Guy Hoyet. (This)

Plane-crash victim's body flown home to U.S.

LOD AIRPORT. — The body of the sole U.S. passenger on the Libyan Boeing 727 forced down in Sinai last week was put aboard a TWA flight yesterday for return to Chicago. Wieslaw Borysoglebski, 61, was one of 104 persons killed in the crash. An immigrant to the U.S. from Poland, he became a naturalized citizen last July. (This)



AT U.N. AGENCY MEETING—Top, Egypt's Fouad Mourad (left) and Hussein Husseini confer on Tuesday as the ICAO met to discuss putting the Libyan plane disaster on its agenda. Bottom, Israel's Jacob Barzani (left) and Jacob Doron bugged during debate on Egypt's request to put the item on the agenda. (AP radiophoto)

U.N. aviation body condemns Israel 105-1

UNITED NATIONS (UPI). — The International Civil Aviation Organization, by a 105-1 vote, yesterday condemned Israel's downing of a Libyan civil aircraft last week and ordered a complete investigation of the incident. Only Israel voted against a resolution put before the I.C.A.O. assembly, although the U.S. sought unsuccessfully to modify the condemnation of Israel. Colombia and Malawi abstained in the rollcall vote on the resolution. Libya, which has taken no part in the two-day debate on the incident and which was understood to oppose intervention by the U.N. specialized agency on aviation matters, was absent. Betty Dillon, U.S. representative to the air organization, proposed an amendment to the resolution's paragraph "condemning the Israeli action." She sought instead to have the I.C.A.O. assembly "deplore the action," removing the harshness of the condemnation and deleting reference to Israel as perpetrator of the action. But she later withdrew the amendment at the request of delegates of Britain, Australia and Belgium, in order to avoid controversy. As adopted, the resolution retained the original wording: "condemning

After U.S. military moves
Hanoi agrees to hold immediate P.O.W talks

WASHINGTON. — North Vietnam yesterday agreed to immediate talks on freeing at least 120 more American prisoners this week, in an apparent retreat from its earlier position. The Vietnamese delegates to the stalled Vietnam peace conference in Paris said the talks would get underway again today. But the U.S. said Secretary of State William Rogers would only attend the talks when Washington had been notified of the date of release of the next batch of American war prisoners. "This is a necessary preliminary," U.S. delegation spokesman Robert McCloskey told a news conference. Resumption of the 13-party parley was announced as the White House said the prisoner issue, which had plunged the conference into crisis on Tuesday, was solved. The future of the conference had been thrown into jeopardy after President Nixon announced on Tuesday night Mr. Rogers had been ordered not to attend until the crisis over the hold-up in release of American prisoners had been solved. Earlier in the day, the U.S. had halted its troop withdrawals from Vietnam and pulled a navy mine-sweeping force away from Haiphong harbor in moves aimed at precluding North Vietnam from releasing the U.S. P.O.W.s. Pentagon sources also reported that an 11-man navy team which had been working out mine-sweeping arrangements with the North Vietnamese flew back from Haiphong to the U.S. squadron. In Washington yesterday the Defense Department imposed a blackout on information on U.S. activities in Vietnam, including troop withdrawals, a spokesman said. The White House said North Vietnam's Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh assured Mr. Rogers at a private meeting in Paris yesterday afternoon that all American prisoners will be released, as agreed, within 60 days from the January 27 cease-fire agreement. South Vietnam's Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam and Vietcong spokesman Ly Van Sau said the peace conference will resume at 11 a.m. today. McCloskey was asked whether the crisis is nearing solution. "I would not go so far as to say that," he replied. He said the U.S. has refused to accept any link between release of prisoners and protection of Communist delegates to the Joint Military Commission. "We do not accept any linkage," he said. "The Secretary of State made that clear. The release of the prisoners of war is unconditional under the language of the agreement and for any power to link it is to abuse that agreement." Earlier, Mr. Rogers — looking grim-faced and concerned — had conferred for almost three hours with the foreign ministers of North and South Vietnam, and the Vietcong in an effort to solve the crisis over the prisoners. Mr. McCloskey said this was followed by a separate 30-minute meeting between Mr. Rogers and Mr. Trinh. Mr. McCloskey said Mr. Rogers talked only about the prisoner issue, whereas the Communist delegates spent some time on cease-fire violations. Mr. McCloskey said Mr. Rogers stressed the U.S. has stuck to the schedule for withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam and that about 50 per cent already had been released. He said Mr. Rogers reported to Mr. Nixon yesterday by telephone about the prisoner crisis. Asked whether the conference will, in fact, end tomorrow as had been planned, Mr. McCloskey replied: "That's unanswerable. It will turn on whether we get information regarding the next prisoner release." In Saigon, Colonel Rufus T. a North Vietnamese member of the four-party Joint Military Commission in Vietnam, told reporters that the list of P.O.W.s names had arrived from Hanoi. Colonel Tin also quoted from a speech made at a meeting of chief delegates to the J.M.C. yesterday, saying North Vietnam had lived up to its pledge to release the first batch of U.S. prisoners and would "realize the subsequent phase in accordance with the schedule laid down in the cease-fire protocol." (UPI, Reuters)

West Germany rules skeleton is Bormann's

BERLIN (UPI). — West German justice authorities ended their search for Martin Bormann yesterday by ruling that a skeleton found here last year belonged to Adolf Hitler's missing deputy. "The hunt for Bormann is over," said Frankfurt prosecutor Wilhelm Metzner, who has been in charge of the Bormann investigation. But Metzner conceded that Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish Documentation Centre in Vienna, was sceptical of the evidence. He said Mr. Wiesenthal was continuing his search for Bormann despite the findings of the West Berlin Institute for Forensic Medicine that a skeleton accidentally found near the Berlin Wall by workmen digging a ditch on December 8 was Bormann's. Metzner said he accepted the institute's findings that there was no doubt of the identity. Bormann would be declared dead by a court only after the last bit of evidence had been submitted, he said. The forensic medicine report said Bormann had been identified through the skeleton's teeth, skull shape and mended collar bone. The skeleton's teeth were said to coincide with those in a skull of Bormann's made from memory after the war by Bormann's dentist. The report said Bormann broke his right collar bone in a fall from a horse in 1939 and the skeleton had such a mended break. The skeleton also fitted Bormann's height of 1.70 metres, according to the report.

U.S. aviation board slaps controls on El Al charters

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board (C.A.B.), long distressed by an Israeli ban on U.S. charter flights, has ordered El Al to obtain permission in advance for each El Al charter into or out of the U.S. The order, made public yesterday, goes into effect in 30 days. It notes that since 1965 the Government of Israel has prohibited passenger charter flights by all U.S. airlines. Meanwhile El Al has conducted a substantial charter service to and from the U.S. and since 1968 has operated more than 460 transatlantic charter flights with seats for more than 67,500 passengers, the C.A.B. said. "The U.S. Government on numerous occasions, and as recently as last November, has asked the Government of Israel to remove its ban on passenger charters, but the ban still persists," the board said. "The Israeli charter prohibition denies our citizens and the public at large charter opportunities and savings and nullifies with regard to Israel our government's encouragement of charter services as a valuable part of the international air transportation system." The C.A.B. added that Israel's ban denies reciprocal rights to which U.S. airlines are entitled. The board said that after 30 days, El Al may not perform U.S. passenger charter flights unless it first receives specific authority from the C.A.B. for each flight. Our Aviation Correspondent writes: El Al last night expressed puzzlement at news agency reports of the C.A.B. statement. A spokesman said El Al did not operate charter flights as such. However, El Al flights can be rented for special flights by what are known in the trade as "affinity groups," such as the U.J.A. or Hadassah. Charter flights refer to pure

ly travel-motivated passengers who do not claim any affinity. By press time El Al had not received any direct notification of the C.A.B. statement. The Israeli carrier is currently negotiating additional landing rights in the U.S., preferably Chicago and the West Coast. Talks have been going on for some years, but the Americans have been reluctant to consider landing rights for El Al outside of New York. Aviation circles in Tel Aviv speculated that the C.A.B. statement on "charters" may be intended to show that Israel already enjoys an advantageous position. Another possible reason is that, with the end of the Vietnam war, many large American charter companies will find their operations considerably curtailed. The C.A.B. statement may be part of the Board's attempt to find alternative routes for the companies.

Egypt's War Minister sees Grechko again

MOSCOW (UPI). — Lt. Gen. Ahmed Ismail, Egypt's War Minister, yesterday held his second meeting with Soviet Defence Minister Andrei A. Grechko, an Egyptian spokesman said. Gen. Ismail arrived Monday for what Cairo sources said was most likely an effort to get new weapons from the Soviets. He held his first meeting with Marshal Grechko two hours after his arrival.

Conflicting reports Meir met Hussein

By SAM LIPSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Prime Minister Golda Meir began her talks in Washington yesterday on the third day of her U.S. visit as conflicting reports circulated here that she had met with Jordan's King Hussein on Tuesday. Mrs. Meir emerged from a three-hour meeting with Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Rush yesterday and said that she had had a useful discussion of many problems of mutual interest in the usual spirit of friendship which exists between the U.S. and Israel. But she declined to give any details of the luncheon discussions. Asked to comment about the wide-spread speculation that she had met King Hussein in Washington, Mrs. Meir replied with a smile: "Oh, do you already know about it?" With this answer she smiled again at the press and, with Ambassador Rabin, moved to her next appointment with the Secretary of Defence Elliot Richardson at the Pentagon. Correspondents covering Mrs. Meir's visit here were uncertain whether the speculation of a Hussein-Meir meeting was being purposely fanned or whether it was the result of confusion at the response of Israeli embassy spokesmen, some of whom have flatly denied the reported meeting while others have merely said, "no comment." Conflicting agency reports quoted State Department Secretary Charles Bray variously as saying he knew nothing of a reported meeting on Tuesday between Hussein and Mrs. Meir, and that no such meeting had been held. Mr. Bray confirmed that King Hussein flew into Washington Tuesday morning, returned to Florida on Tuesday night, and planned to leave for home yesterday. When asked whether Hussein saw any U.S. officials, Mr. Bray said, "Not in this building." Mrs. Meir had a morning briefing with members of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, at which she reportedly said that direct peace negotiations with Egypt "are a possibility." The committee's Chairman, Thomas Morgan, told newsmen Mrs. Meir told the Congressmen she is optimistic because there has been no shooting over the Suez Canal for 18 months. Morgan said she then added there will be no direct negotiations with Egypt immediately — "in two weeks or in two months" was the way he put it — but that the situation is favourable and such negotiations are a possibility. Mrs. Meir spoke to the committee at a session lasting 75 minutes. As the committee meeting ended amid applause, Congress passed foreign aid legislation containing funds for Israel. The measure allows foreign aid spending until June 30 at the rate of \$8,600m. a year, of which \$900m. can be used to finance Israeli purchases of American military equipment and \$60m. for economic support to Israel. Meanwhile, the "Washington Post" said yesterday Mrs. Meir would seek approval of requests for additional shipments of supersonic jets and sophisticated laser-guided "smart" bombs in her talks later yesterday with U.S. Secretary of Defence Elliot Richardson. The "Post" said Mrs. Meir would ask for an affirmative answer to requests submitted during the past year for 30 Phantom jet fighters and 30 Skyhawk fighter-bombers. According to the newspaper's diplomatic reporter, Marilyn Berger, Mrs. Meir's shopping list also includes Cobra helicopter gunships, television-guided and laser-guided "smart" bombs, and parts and technical assistance for the development of Israeli aircraft manufacturing capability. The contracts on Phantoms and Skyhawks already purchased ran out at the end of 1973 and in mid-1974. Mrs. Meir is seeking assurances the supplies will continue. The report noted that because of the current delivery schedule President Nixon would be under no immediate pressure to make a decision. It was doubtful, the paper added, that any announcement would be made in the near future with the downing of the Libyan passenger jet so recent an incident. Mrs. Meir was also reported to be pressing for the U.S. to spend 10 to 15 per cent of the cost of the new arms requests on imports of Israeli military material and services. After a day of rest and staff meetings on Tuesday Mrs. Meir was the guest of honour at a dinner at the Israeli embassy. The guests included presidential adviser Henry Kissinger, Senator Henry Jackson, Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco, Senator Hubert Humphrey, former U.N. ambassador Arthur Goldberg, and Sen. Abraham Ribicoff.

Ismail gives Israeli first interview ever

BONN (Reuters). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's national security adviser, Hafez Ismail, yesterday unwittingly gave an interview to an Israeli television reporter, thus breaking a 26-year-old Egyptian ban. When Mr. Ismail arrived here from the U.S. for talks with West German leaders, the Israel Broadcasting Service correspondent, Ron Ben-Ishai, entered the V.I.P. lounge, introduced himself by the English initials of his network as representative of the IBS, and asked for an interview. Mr. Ismail, obviously unaware what the initials stand for, consented and told Ben-Ishai in English that his talks in Washington had been encouraging. West Germany's second television channel, aware of the rarity of the interview, bought up the film and said it would screen it last night. Mr. Ismail is believed to be the first senior Egyptian official to have given an interview to an Israeli since the establishment of the State in 1948.

Ismail discusses Mideast with officials in Bonn

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
GYMNICH CASTLE. — Special Egyptian envoy Hafez Ismail discussed the Mideast situation with senior Bonn Foreign Ministry officials here yesterday afternoon, then continued the talks informally at a dinner in this castle about 50 kms. from the West German capital. Prior to the talks, Foreign Ministry sources said they would be largely informational in nature. They asserted that Bonn has no intention of "mediating" or "interfering" in current Mideast peacemaking efforts. This was in line with an interview with Chancellor Willy Brandt in the London "Times" on Tuesday, in which he said the "U.S. and Russia will be playing the more important role in the next phase" of Mideast diplomacy. Mr. Ismail, President Anwar Sadat's national security adviser, arrived in Bonn yesterday morning for a two-day stopover which will also include a meeting with Chancellor Brandt today, following earlier visits to Moscow, London and Washington. He conferred yesterday with Foreign Ministry State Secretary Dr. Paul Frank, who was standing in for Foreign Minister Walter Scheel, recovering from a recent kidney stone operation. It was believed that Mr. Ismail wants to sound out the West Germans in particular on their views on a possible contribution by the European Common Market to an eventual Mideast settlement. Bonn in turn wants to know what Cairo expects from Western Europe, and how far the Egyptians are prepared to go towards an interim solution with Israel. The German attitude at present appears to be one of keeping up with the spirit of diplomatic activity on the Mideast crisis between Washington, Moscow, and the Mideast capitals. However, Bonn's overriding concern at the moment, according to one official here, is that both Egypt and Israel should not miss the chance for progress in the Mideast opened by the process of East-West détente and the post-Vietnam era.

'A CASTLE IN THE DESERT'

High-rise construction in Jerusalem isn't an evil in itself, says Prof. Matthias Goeritz, a distinguished architect-artist who now lives in Mexico City. He suggests a use of high rises which he says would make the new Jerusalem a monument to its builders, rather than an endless sprawl of four-to-six-storey buildings, in an article in tomorrow's

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair; slight drop in temperatures.
Weather synopsis: Trough extends from western Turkey to the eastern Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's High/Low	Today's Forecast
Jerusalem	15-18	11-16
Golan	12-15	6-14
Nahariya	10-12	6-11
Safed	10-12	8-13
Haifa	12-15	11-17
Tiberias	12-15	7-11
Nazareth	12-15	12-19
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Shomron	12-15	12-19
Tel Aviv	13-19	11-20
Lod	13-19	9-21
Jericho	13-19	9-21
Gaza	14-20	12-21
Beersheba	14-20	9-21
Silat	14-20	9-21
Tiran	14-20	15-26

Social and Personal

Seysy Demirsoy, president of the Turkish Federation of Trade Unions, yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

On the occasion of the publication of a new Spanish weekly "Semana," a reception was given by the Editor, Mr. Salomon Lewinsky and the Director, Mr. Moshe Porat, at the Moriah Hotel in Jerusalem on Tuesday evening. Ambassadors from Spanish-speaking countries, former Israeli Ambassadors to Latin America, senior Foreign Ministry officials, Mr. Ya'acov Tsour, Chairman of the Israel Iberoamerican Cultural Institute, and members, as well as a large circle of friends attended the reception.

The British Zionist Federation's Israel office on Sunday gave a reception in honour of the 70th birthday of the first clerk of the Knesset, Moshe Roseth. Office director Eric Lucas gave Mr. Roseth a tape-recorder as a birthday gift.

Members of the American Medical Association visited the Hebrew University of Jerusalem yesterday. They called on the Vice-President, Mr. Bernard Cherrick.

Today's weekly luncheon meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will not take place. Instead a ladies' night will be held at ZOA House this evening, at 8 p.m.

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Rachel and Daniel Dishon, February 28, 1973 in Tel Aviv.

ARRIVALS

Police Minister Shimon Hillel, from New York, where he took part in the founding convention of the Sephardic Jewish Community Council, left Ali, Adl, Amari, and Yosef Merzhas of the Education Ministry from Denmark, where they conducted talks on youth exchange programs.

Justice Harry Batshaw, of the Superior Court of Quebec and co-president of "Les Amis de la Culture Canadienne-Francaise-Israel" and Dr. Ann Batshaw, for a two-month study tour of Israel sponsored by the World Zionist Organization.

The Bobover Rebbe, Rabbi Shimon Halberstam, accompanied by 30 of his household, for a week's visit at Kiryat Bobov in Bat Yam.

DEPARTURES

Rabbi Joseph E. Lookstein, Chancellor of Bar-Ilan University, for New York.

Meir Amit, General Manager of Koor, to the U.S. (by El Al).

Dayan praises I.A.I. military production record

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday in the Knesset that whatever doubts may exist concerning Israel Aircraft Industry's commercial ventures, it has attained outstanding successes in military production, "the foundation stone of the country's security effort."

Mr. Dayan made this brief reply to a motion for the agenda by Gahal's Abraham Katz, who argued that the I.A.I. was over-expansionist in its commercial ventures and had sought top-level approval of some deals only after they were already a fait accompli (like the purchase of old-model Boeings for reconditioning and resale). Mr. Dayan added he preferred to reply in further detail in committee. The motion was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Katz also complained that the I.A.I. balance-sheet did not say clearly whether the corporation was making a profit or a loss, and that its liquidity situation seemed precarious.

He stressed that he differentiated between the corporation's security aspects and its commercial interests. But he wanted clear details from the Minister about the sales of the Israel-developed Arava STOL plane, and the U.S.-developed Commodore Jet executive aircraft.

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Criteria by Sunday of payments to victims

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
A ministerial committee under Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro is to recommend criteria for payment of cash sums to the families of victims of the Libyan plane disaster. The Foreign Minister, Defence Minister, Tourism, Religious Affairs and Health Ministers are expected to take part in the committee's deliberations, which should be completed by the Cabinet meeting on Sunday.

The Cabinet decided last Sunday that Israel would offer ex gratia payments to the families of the Libyan plane "out of humanitarian considerations."

The Attorney-General and a team of Justice Ministry officials are preparing a working paper for the committee, setting out the precedents and international procedures upon which the committee will rely. Justice Ministry sources said yesterday that the German Government's payments to families of the Olympic athletes killed by Arab terrorists would not serve as a guide. Compensatory payments for airplane victims are formulated by the Warsaw Convention and subsequent international agreements which set ceilings upon claims — and Israel will make its offer in line with these ceilings.

The committee will examine Israel's own sad experience in the

same subject in 1956, when it claimed over \$2.6 million from the Bulgarian Government after an El Al plane was shot down over Bulgaria. That claim, which was only partially accepted by Bulgaria, took account of the aircraft (over \$1 million) and the baggage of the 11 Israeli passengers and five Israeli crewmen among the 58 passengers and crew who died in the plane.

Bulgaria eventually paid out around \$10,000 to the families of each victim, refusing to pay for the plane itself.

In the present case, Israel too, will pay nothing for the plane since the intended payments are not in the nature of compensation — Israel maintains that compensation is not called for — but in the nature of a humanitarian gesture to the bereaved families.

Meanwhile, our Arab Affairs Reporter adds that aircraft were grounded yesterday and ships tied up during a one-hour strike in most of the 18 Arab countries. It was termed an expression of indignation over the downing of the Libyan airliner and began at 2:10 p.m., the hour the Boeing 727 crashed.

The Egyptian State Radio said the strike, protesting "Israel's aggression," was observed throughout the Arab world. Reports from various Arab capitals, however, said planes continued to land, although there were no take-offs.

Pilots said persuaded errors led to shooting

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — The International Federation of Airline Pilots Association (IFALPA) appeared persuaded that the series of misunderstandings and errors involved in the incursion of the Libyan airliner into Sinai made it "unavoidable" that the aircraft should have been made to force it to land.

The two Israeli delegates who attended the meeting of the IFALPA executive in London on Tuesday told aviation correspondents here yesterday that this was the conclusion they drew from the decision of the five-man executive to take a "constructive rather than a reprimandatory course" of action.

The meeting's rejection of any suggestion of sanctions against Israel for shooting down the airliner showed that the organization was not prepared to blame Israel for the tragic incident, they said.

BENT BACKWARDS

Captain Yitzhak Shaked, president of the Israel Pilots Association, and Captain Shimon Ash, said in reply to questions that IFALPA bent over backwards to appear "even-handed." This accounted for the language of the statement issued at the conclusion of the meeting on Tuesday, which said it "can find no justification for the excessive use of force applied by the Israeli authorities to a civil airliner, the erratic behaviour of which... would appear to have indicated an error of navigation rather than a military threat."

The IFALPA statement contained a strong endorsement for "the establishment of an impartial investigation with the prime objective of making recommendations to avoid any such disaster in the future," not just in the Middle East but everywhere.

Captain Shaked said that only the British delegate was openly antagonistic and urged punitive measures. The others were neither friendly nor hostile, but considered the evidence objectively.

Shapiro: No law planned against mission work

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro yesterday told The Jerusalem Post there was absolutely no intention of drafting legislation to curb missionary activity in Israel. He was replying to questions following press reports that Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig favoured such legislation.

Mr. Shapiro pointed out that freedom of speech and freedom of worship were two basic principles of the State of Israel. "It is a known fact that preaching religion is one of the commandments of Christianity," he said.

(The U.S. Consul-General in Jerusalem, Mr. Arthur Day, was one of the three Western Consuls who asked the Religious Affairs Ministry for clarification of its reported intention to curb missionary activity, and not the British Consul-General as erroneously reported yesterday.)

SIX MORE GOLAN DRUSE ARRESTED

Jerusalem Post Reporter
KUNEITRA. — Another six Druse were arrested on Tuesday in the Golan on suspicion of complicity in the Syrian spy ring. This brings the total of persons arrested in the four Golan Druse villages to 53, most of them from Majdal Shams.

The number of suspects has now reached over half a per cent of the total Druse population of nearly 9,000. Observers attribute this staggering proportion to the failure of the leadership in Jerusalem to evolve a clear-cut, easily understood policy for the Golan, leaving the local leadership in the dark as a result.

On the one hand, they note, Israel has made it clear that it would not return the territory to the Syrians, which for two decades have used it as a platform from which to shoot at Israeli farming settlements. On the other hand, Israel has left the inhabitants their Syrian nationality and the impression that they owed no allegiance to Israel.

'Fuel' surcharge of 5% on cargoes to Europe

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Continent-Israel Shipping Conference (Conicon) yesterday announced a five per cent fuel surcharge, effective from today. The Shippers Council immediately sent a sharp protest to Zim demanding the cancellation of the surcharge pending negotiations.

The Council noted that the raise violated their agreement that no unilateral freight charge increase would be made. Furthermore the freight cost had been included in the freight charge rise imposed in January, they said.

The Council Secretary, Arieh Mechul, noted that freight charges including all surcharges had gone up by 40 per cent.

'Negative' interest on marks halved

The Bank of Israel announced yesterday it was reducing its 12 per cent "fine" on part of the Deutschmark balances held in foreign currency accounts. The "fine," or negative interest, will now be six per cent.

The Bank imposed the charge on February 19, in an effort to discourage speculators from bringing Deutschmarks into the country. It applied to that part of the balance that did not exist prior to February 16.

In a statement issued yesterday, the Bank said it was cutting the charge in half, in line with similar moves taken by banks in Europe.



The man at centre is being hustled into a waiting police car, minutes after he threatened to explode a live grenade in the Holon Social Welfare Office.

Final approval for sale of Rogosin plant

TEL AVIV. — The District Court yesterday gave final approval to the new corporate set-up established for the takeover of Rogosin Industries and Galeana Knitting by U.S. manufacturer Erwin Meltzer.

Mr. Meltzer purchased the bulk of the shares in the Rogosin plant in Ashdod from the Government in December, 1971, for IL28m, and took the firm over formally last October. In order to satisfy the minor shareholders and the banks — which held mortgages on the firm for a total of IL19m — a new firm called Rogosin Enterprises was established. It consists of the Metropolitan Investment Co., set up by Mr. Meltzer, and of Rogosin Industries and its former subsidiary Galeana Knitting. The minor shareholders received shares in the new corporation.

Mr. Meltzer, a successful textile manufacturer from New York, is currently in Israel. He had been associated with Rogosin Industries since it was founded by the late Israel Rogosin 15 years ago, as a shareholder and later as a member of its board of directors. Mr. Israel Gal-Ed of Jerusalem will continue as Board chairman of the new corporation.

Tighter control over official trips abroad

Appointed or elected local government officials travelling on assignment abroad now have to get approval from a special government committee.

The Interior Ministry announced yesterday that the idea behind this measure is to save foreign currency expenditures. From now on, the Treasury will approve foreign currency allocations only if the official trip or assignment is approved by the committee.

The committee will be headed by the Director-General of the Interior Ministry and will include senior local authority and regional council officials.

Police sergeant foils grenade threat in office

TEL AVIV. — A police sergeant who yesterday succeeded in disarming a mentally unbalanced man who threatened to set off a live grenade in the Holon Social Welfare Office, is in line for a citation for courage and quick thinking, it was reported here.

The man, a 33-year-old Holon resident, appeared at the office yesterday morning and demanded welfare assistance. Suddenly he pulled out a grenade which was wrapped in a newspaper and threatened to pull the pin if his demands weren't met.

One of the workers managed to call the police and within minutes Samal Haim Ben-David and two constables arrived. Samal Ben-David ordered the constables to engage the man in conversation, while he crept unnoticed to the man's rear. Then he pounced upon him and grabbed the grenade.

Police said the man was a former mental patient.

NRP TAKES 'MAXIMALIST' LINE ON TERRITORIES

Ministers try to tone resolutions down

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The three N.R.P. Cabinet Ministers were hard pressed yesterday to try and whittle down the maximalist territorial resolutions being drafted in the political committee of their party's fourth national convention at the Cinerama Hall here.

Ministers Yosef Burg (Interior), Michael Chazani (Social Welfare) and Zerah Warhaftig (Religious Affairs) were summoned from the auditorium to the political committee meeting in a side-room when it emerged that the majority on the committee wanted to commit them to a Land of Israel ideological programme.

They asked for time to explain their objections to the resolutions being framed by a coalition of the supporters of Dr. Yitzhak Rabin, Deputy Education Minister Zevulun Hammer's youth circles and the N.R.P.'s moshav movement.

ANCESTRAL HERITAGE
The draft resolutions describe Judea, Samaria, the Golan Heights and Gaza as "an integral part of our ancestral heritage from which there can be no withdrawal." They leave the future map of Sinai to military experts.

They call for the immediate application of Israel law throughout these territories, where large-scale urban and rural settlement was urged. Two concrete measures tabled in this connection were the construction of another 1,000 homes at Kiryat Arba, adjoining Hebron, and Mr. Hammer's proposal to start a similar Jewish town next to Nabulus.

It was proposed that "all Jewish holy sites on the Temple Mount be subject to Israeli sovereignty (the earlier phrase, ownership, was dropped). A call was issued for restrictions on Jewish worship to be lifted (a reference to the Cave of Machpelah).

The Raphael-Hammer-Moshav coalition closed closer to Mr. Dayan's known views on the borders, while the three ministers leaned heavily in the direction of the Labour Party's dovish school.

Dr. Burg, in particular, stressed there was no need to alter the wording of the resolution adopted at the last N.R.P. convention in 1968. This said that "the Land of Israel is sacred and has to be settled... with due consideration for the country's future security borders..."

VOTE TONIGHT
The 732 delegates will vote tonight on these resolutions, most probably by secret ballot. They will then become planks in the N.R.P. election programme.

Dr. Raphael threw the gauntlet onto the convention floor last night when demanding that the N.R.P. adopt its own "peace plan" based on the Jewish historical-religious tie to the Promised Land, the search for lasting peace and secure and defensible borders. He believed that elections would focus on the border issue. The new government would open negotiations for a settlement and the Eighth Knesset would be asked to vote on it.

Urging that Israel law be applied to Judea and Samaria, which should

then become part of the State of Israel, Dr. Raphael rejected any status for Jordan there whatsoever. In an apparent reference to Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, Dr. Raphael attacked as "unjustified and illogical" this gyrating around King Hussein. We have no concession to offer that would satisfy his ambitions and he has nothing to offer us."

He advocated neighbourly relations with the Hashemite Kingdom and envisaged a solution for the refugee problem and Jordanian use of Gaza Port. He also spoke of a greater flexibility in negotiations with Egypt.

Ben-Aharon meeting Dayan Seeks equal rights for Arab workers

By SHAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, is expected to meet Minister of Defence Moshe Dayan today to discuss the Histadrut suggestion that workers from the administered territories be given the same social benefits as Israeli workers enjoy.

The Central Committee resolved a fortnight ago that the workers are entitled to pension and sick fund facilities.

Mr. Yehoram Meshel, who authored the proposal adopted by the Central Committee, told The Jerusalem Post that the plan "has no political implication whatsoever." Before submitting it, Meshel discussed it with Arab notables living in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip. All agreed it was a humanitarian measure.

Arabs working in Israel receive the same pay as Israelis, he said, but the Ministry of Labour retains part of it. The deduction is proportional to what Israelis pay to the Histadrut for its services.

"We propose to open accounts

for every worker employed on side of the green line, ideas with the accounts Israelis have pension funds, Kipat Holim other facilities," Mr. Meshel said. These funds will open branches serve the workers where they live. They will be operated by local agents.

The money frozen in the Ministry of Labour's accounts should be transferred to the personal accounts of the workers, he held. In the workers died in the mean time their families should receive pensions.

"Closer economic relations with the territories help peace, not just for it," Mr. Meshel said. "By a graphy, Israel is part of the Middle East economic sphere. As peace comes, it should facilitate its entry to the bloc, best way it can."

In order not to involve political issues, the workers from the territories would not become members of the Histadrut. "The Histadrut plays a political role as well being a trade union force, should not impose this on the territories," Mr. Meshel said.

Electric Co. linesmen in Tel Aviv on strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 120 linesmen employed by the Electric Corporation in Tel Aviv, who have been on a "go-slow" strike for several weeks, went on a full-time strike on Tuesday. They are fighting for higher pay.

During the "go-slow," the linesmen's militant actions committee tried to persuade the maintenance workers to join them, but apparently without success. According to rumour, they threatened the families of their uncooperative colleagues and one or more informed the police of these threats.

The general staff committee not approved the work stoppage. When the company management and the staff committee saw the matter was getting out of hand they agreed that action should be taken against the linesmen. One was discharged and two others were transferred to other jobs.

The Corporation's spokesman yesterday that electricity supply was not affected by the labour rest. All generating plant operated at Haifa, Tel Aviv and Ashdod normally.

All the Corporation's employees were granted pay rises on an disclosed scale at the end of 1972. The labour agreement took retroactive effect from the beginning of 1972 will remain in force until the end of this year.

The linesmen are among highest paid categories of 11 employees, surpassed in take home pay only by the shift operators the power stations, the spokesman said. If overtime pay is included their pay goes up to IL2,000 month and over.

They string new electricity lines in urban areas and high-tension overhead cables.

U.K. settler killed on roads is buried

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TIBERIAS. — The funeral of J. my Jacobs, 25, a settler from Eilat who was killed Monday in a traffic accident, took place in 3 dal yesterday.

Jeremy, son of David Jacobs, well-known B.B.C. broadcaster, Kashrut supervisor at an educational institution in Migdal. He is survived by his wife and child, and by parents.

A POST OFFICE CLERK in Ramat Gan went on trial in the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday charged of stealing IL2,000 worth Compulsory Savings Loan certificates from a mail bag. The accused, Mordechai Michal, 31, pleaded guilty.

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Closed hearings at Haifa spy trial

YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — Yesterday's hearing of the trial of six alleged leaders of the Arab-Jewish spy ring was held mainly in camera. The court cleared for the testimonies of army colonel and two security agents called by the prosecution.

At the start of the hearing, all who were on Sunday appointed to the court to defend Daoud Turki, the alleged head of the ring, told the court that he was still unable to enter a plea for Turki (Turki's lawyer had resigned).

Mr. Rafi said he had not yet had sufficient time to prepare his defense. Turki had informed him that the eight statements he had made to the police after his arrest, which he had not uttered, were not his own. The statements had not been read back to him before he signed them.

Turki also demanded that the prosecution produce "sealed" statements which the accused claimed were "various promises" the security services man had allegedly made to him to get him to talk.

Mr. Rafi announced, however, that Turki would admit "many of the facts" attributed to him in the statements.

One of the accused, Simon Hadad, former coordinator of Arab students at Haifa University, pleaded guilty at Monday's hearing and now awaits sentence. Future hearings will be devoted mainly to technical evidence, and the accused's testimony. It is understood that the court intended to take the stand of the defense and some of the "ideological" statements.

During yesterday's intermission, the court held lively discussions with its friends, relatives and newsmen.

The colonel (*Sigam-Aluf*) was called to give an expert assessment of the harm to state security caused by the information Turki had admitted to passing to Arab agents in Athens and Syria.

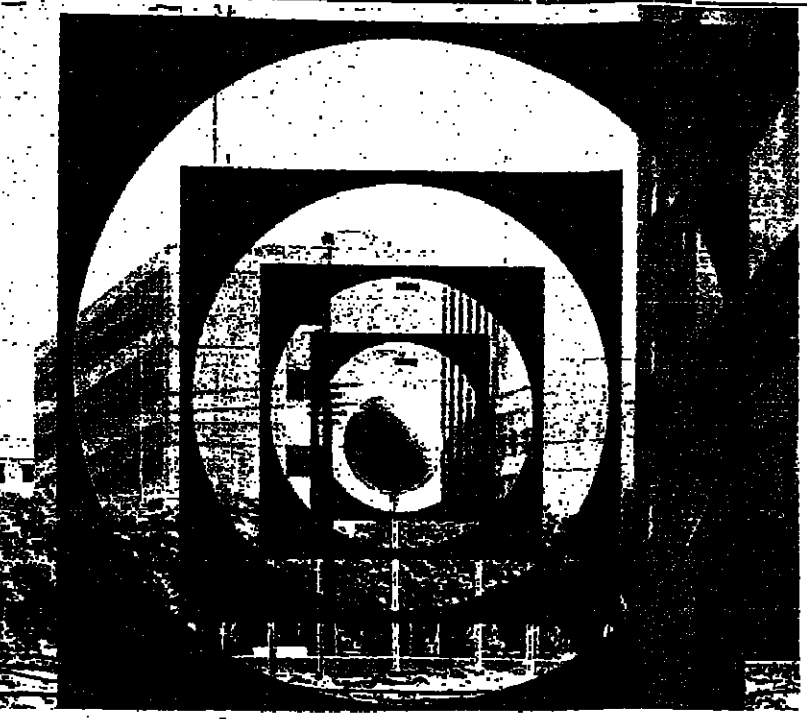
Kahwaji is said to have been the "operator" of the ring.

The court, at the request of District Attorney Yitzhak Grabil, ordered all the other accused and their lawyers to leave the hall during his testimony.

The two security agents testified on the statements made by Turki and Kahwaji after their arrest. Publication of the names of the three witnesses was forbidden by the bench.

At one stage of the hearing, before the court was cleared, there was a verbal clash between Turki's attorney, Shlomo Toussia-Cohen, and the prosecution.

The District Attorney had asked to call a security services agent to testify on the nature of the "or-



This three-dimensional work made of painted metal is the work of a kibbutz artist, Yehuda Rubin of Givat Haim (Haifa). It is now being completed at the entrance to the Tel Aviv headquarters of the Hahakutzot Vekhatibbutzim in Rehov Dabnov.

Teenaged boys guilty of murdering woman

TEL AVIV. — Two teenagers were convicted yesterday in the District Court of the brutal murder of a woman of 60 in the Bat Yam ma'abara last June. The court postponed sentence because of a question over the age of one of the accused.

One of the boys is known to be 17. According to the prosecution, his accomplice is 18 and, under the law, liable to the mandatory sentence of life imprisonment for murder.

Lawyer Zvi Lidsky asked and received permission to bring witnesses to show that one of the accused, his client, was under 18.

The two boys were found guilty of murdering an elderly beggarwoman, Bat Edri, in her shack in the ma'abara and stealing IL200 from the body and another IL300 hidden in the shack. They afterwards disposed of the body in the garbage dump nearby.

The police also think the boys bore Mrs. Edri a grudge. She had fallen out with the married sister of the older boy, who was also mistress to the younger. Police believe that the younger boy was the moving spirit behind the crime.

At first, the two of them pleaded not guilty, but as the prosecution introduced more evidence, they altered their pleas and began to blame each other.

According to the version the court accepted, the boys were repairing a shutter in the ma'abara about noon of the day of the murder when Mrs. Edri came and asked them for help in moving something out of her shack which she shared with a blind man, also a beggar. On the spot, they decided on the murder.

One of them jumped on the

Allon would let Arabs join Writers Ass'n

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Education Minister Yigal Allon said yesterday he would have voted to include Israeli Arab writers in the Hebrew Writers Association if he had been a member of the union. But as Education Minister he felt he could not interfere.

Mr. Allon was speaking in the Knesset in reply to a motion for the agenda by New Communist Meir Wilner complaining of intolerance in Israeli society.

Mr. Allon said the Hebrew writers who voted against allowing Arab writers to join the Association in fact spearheaded the campaign for tolerance in Israeli society. They had suggested that an Arabic Writers Association be established, to cooperate with the existing Association in a close federation.

Mr. Wilner declared there were other expressions of fanaticism and violence, ranging from what he alleged were anti-Arab expressions in school textbooks, to anti-Arab assaults like the recent murder in Upper Nazareth.

The New Communist motion was struck from the agenda.

Discussing Hebrew playwright Amos Keinan at question time, the Minister told *Gazeta's* Menahem Fedid that Keinan's "Friends Talk about Jesus" received IL6,000 from the Ministry's Art and Culture Council because of the satirical play's "highly interesting dramatic and theatrical qualities," to quote the Council's decision. The Council had read the play, but the Minister said he had neither read the script nor seen the play.

Performances were banned by the Film and Play Censorship Board as offensive to certain sections of the population. The Board has since decided to exclude state performances from the Board's prerogatives, but the required amendment to the law has stirred religious opposition and will probably not be tabled in the term of this Knesset. An amended version of Keinan's play entitled "Friends Talk about Spartacus" has been resubmitted to the Board.

Tel Avivians fail to use sports facilities

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz complained yesterday that the sports facilities his administration has been putting up in recent years are not utilized by the public. Speaking at a press tour of sports facilities, he said 50 per cent of Tel Avivians engage in no sports activity whatever.

Despite the fact that there are more facilities in town than there is demand, the Mayor announced that more would be provided in the future that in time the population would become more physically fit and health conscious. The largest sports centre is the National Sports Park to be put up on the banks of the Yarkon as a joint project of Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan. The IL6m. project will include

Quads born in Kirya maternity hospital in T.A.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Quadruplets were born here Tuesday — three boys and a girl — the first such birth ever recorded at the Kirya Maternity Hospital.

The parents are a young religious couple from Be'er Sheva who have asked that their name be withheld. They already have one son but the mother has been receiving hormonal treatment against infertility for some time.

The mother and three of the babies are reported to be doing well. The condition of the largest of the boys, whose weight is 1,500 grams, is giving rise to concern. The other babies weigh 1,000, 1,450 and 1,800 grams each.

The doctors had expected a multiple birth, and the mother has been hospitalized for a month.

As yesterday was Mother's Day in Tel Aviv, all new mothers in the ward were visited by the Mayor's wife, Mrs. Yehoshua Rabinowitz, and presented with flowers. The quads' mother received four bouquets.

Non-smokers get a break on El Al

LOD AIRPORT. — From now on, El Al planes will have special sections reserved for non-smokers who object being seated next to tobacco-smoking passengers. A company spokesman said yesterday the decision was taken following complaints from many passengers.

The Boeing 747 jumbo jet already has an area where smoking is prohibited, the official said. But the system was not completely effective because many passengers were not aware of it. Now there will be signs prominently displayed at the "Choose Your Seat" counter at the airport and on the planes themselves.

On the Boeing 707 smoking will be prohibited in rows 16 to 19, and on the 720 in rows 14 to 17. In both cases, 24 seats are involved.

Smokers who insist on lighting up in the prohibited areas will be politely but firmly asked to change their seats to the smoking areas. If no seats are available there, they "can smoke standing in the aisles," the official said.

Atarot land registration said misleading

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the eight-dunam tract in the Atarot industrial zone which is claimed by the Bible Land Society still registered in the East Jerusalem (former Jordanian) land registry in the name of the two Arab residents who sold it to the British religious society before the June 1967 war.

Mr. Shapiro explained that it was the Government's policy not to expropriate any land belonging to a religious society. Had the Government known at the time that the tract in question was owned by a British religious society it would not have expropriated it in the first place, he said.

The registration had apparently been carried out in Amman.

The Israeli authorities are now negotiating with the Bible Land Society on an exchange of land that would suit both sides.

Gaza man held in stabbing of former boss

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — A 27-year-old Gaza man was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of stabbing his former Israeli employer with a pocket knife in a personal quarrel. The victim, Yitzhak Peretz, 28, was operated on in Ashkelon Hospital and was last night reported out of danger.

Police say Mr. Peretz, whose building block factory in Netivot employs a large number of Gaza Strip Arabs, recently dismissed the suspect. The reason is not known, but it is learned that the former employee had complained to the police that Mr. Peretz still owed him money.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. Peretz had come to Gaza with two vehicles to pick up workers. Eyewitnesses said the suspect approached his car and tried to hand him a letter. When Mr. Peretz refused to accept it, the suspect allegedly flew into a rage, pulled out his pocketknife and stabbed his former employer five times in the body.

Police said the suspect would be brought before a Gaza magistrate this morning for remand.

Weizmann team in world study of water scarcity

REHOVOT. — An international team of research scientists led by group from the Weizmann Institute will map out a plan to deal with the increasingly severe world water shortage, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Sam Nilsson, Secretary-General of the International Federation of Institutes for Advanced Study. The Federation is sponsoring project.

Dr. Nilsson is visiting Israel with a group of scientists from the U.S. and Europe who are meeting with their Israeli colleagues to set the programme into motion. "While excellent work on water problems has already been done," Dr. Nilsson declared, "a major effort must now be made to utilize all this accumulated knowledge so that in 35 or 40 years, when the world's population doubles, there will be enough water to go around. It is not only a question of more people but also of more sophisticated agriculture and industry, which require additional water," he said. "We are thinking in terms of a two-year programme, with the first major meeting on the subject in Stockholm in May under the auspices of the Nobel Foundation," he added.

IFIAS promotes studies of urgent world problems by scholars from various disciplines and nations. Its chairman is Dr. Nils K. Stahle, who served for 25 years as President of the Nobel Foundation.

NO SLOW-DOWN FOR 2-3 YEARS — ALMOGI

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Israel will not have an economic slow-down for the next two or three years, according to Labour Minister Yosef Almogi. He told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday that the economy would face an estimated shortage of 50,000 workers next year. He was reviewing his Ministry's budget for the 1978/79 fiscal year, during the Committee's preparation of its second reading.

The Unemployment Insurance Fund was financing plans to provide alternative employment in the event of an economic slowdown, the Minister said. The Government was also planning projects to provide more

Electoral reform proposal wrong 'mathematically'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

An arithmetic teacher from the Meir Shefeya children's village spoke to seven Knesset factions in the House yesterday to explain why the Alignment-Gahal electoral reform was wrong, mathematically.

The teacher, Mr. Avraham Allon, has spent thousands of pounds of his own money on newspaper ads attacking the Alignment-Gahal surplus votes electoral reform amendment. He said the De Hout system of distributing surplus votes, on which the Knesset majority based a proposal which will make it stronger and the small factions weaker, was based on a mathematical absurdity.

The seven small factions said they would ask the Knesset's Law, Constitution and Justice Committee to invite Mr. Allon, and other mathematicians, to testify against the planned electoral reform.

Attending the lecture were representatives of Aguda, the State List, the New Communists, He'oleam Hazeh, the Free Centre, the Independent Liberals and the Communists.

Gahal M.K. on fights to buy land in 'areas'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Arabs from the administered areas have recently been trying to buy property in Israel, and there are no legal obstacles to this, Gahal M.K. Gideon Patt told *The Post* yesterday.

Israelis, however, are hampered in their efforts to buy land in the areas, Mr. Patt complained. He had tabled a parliamentary question on this to Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, he said.

Mr. Patt told *The Post* he could give details about an Arab from the areas who tried to buy property in Sarayon with an Israeli Arab as intermediary. Arabs from the areas could buy property freely as foreign residents, and have the sale registered in the Land Registry, he said.

Israelis, however, who had bought land in the areas around Ramallah and near Maale Edmundin (at IL140 a dunam) could not record the sale in the Land Registry, and had to make do with an irrevocable power-of-attorney from the seller.

Mr. Patt said that in any case these power-of-attorney sales were only permitted by the Military Government to buyers whom they approved personally, and in areas where they gave both parties the green light.

Mr. Patt said he had asked the Defence Minister in his parliamentary question what criteria guided the State's national institutions (like the Jewish National Fund) and private individuals in buying property in the areas since 1967. He alleged that there was favoritism involved.

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Allon: Golan syllabus fits inhabitants' needs

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Education Minister Yigal Allon said yesterday the school syllabus for Druse on the Golan Heights "had been adapted to meet the needs of local residents." He did not elaborate.

He made this enigmatic reply to the parliamentary question of New Communist Tewfik Toubi, who asked why Israeli syllabuses were being taught on the Golan Heights, in contrast to the practice in the other occupied areas, and in disregard of the legal status of the area.

Paratroop chief at minorities unit H.Q.

Tat-Aluf Emanuel Shaked, O/C paratroops and infantry, yesterday visited the headquarters of the minorities unit.

T/A Shaked spoke to a group of new recruits, and attended a reception at the home of the head of the Ustye Local Council, Raslan Abu-Rukm.

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U.S. Indians hold ten TAKE-OVER AT WOUNDED KNEE

WOUNDED KNEE, South Dakota (AP). — About 200 Indians were in control of this tiny town yesterday, holding about 10 residents hostage and demanding that two U.S. Senators come to their reservation to discuss Indian grievances.

A spokesman for the American Indian Movement said the demonstrators had vowed "to die if necessary" unless their demands are met.

The spokesman, Carter Camp of Ponca City, Oklahoma, said in a telephone interview that the hostages had not been hurt and were in no danger "unless the police come in here and try to annihilate us."

He said the Indians would hold the hostages until Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas, both Democrats, came to the 2,500-square-mile Pine Ridge Reservation, the nation's largest.

The Indians reportedly broke into a trading post in the town and provided themselves with weapons and supplies.

In Sioux Falls, U.S. attorney William Clayton said federal authorities had arraigned 16 adults and one juvenile at the reservation. Clayton said the group would be arraigned in Rapid City on charges of larceny, burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary.

About 90 police officers sealed off the area after the take-over on Tuesday night of the town in southwestern South Dakota, site of a bloody clash in 1890 between Sioux and U.S. army troops.

"If they come in here shooting, it's going to be pretty hard to distinguish between Indians and white people," Camp, a national coordinator of AIM, said. "The hostages are in no danger from Indian people. They understand that. But they're in the same place as Indian people, so they're in the same danger if they (police) decide to invade."

Camp said the Indians were members of AIM and the Oglala Sioux nation. He said the Indians' demands included an investigation of the dealings of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of the Interior with the Oglala Sioux.

They also demanded the ouster of the current leaders of the Oglala Sioux. Tribal chairman Richard Wilson has feuded with AIM members in the past.

Some 11,550 Indians are on the reservation, according to the State Department of Indian Affairs. The land consists largely of barren prairie, and nearly half of the work force is unemployed.

Joseph Trimbach, FBI agent in charge of the Minneapolis division, said earlier that the Indians were holding the hostages in the town's four or five buildings, and that shots were fired at an approaching car.

Camp said shots had been fired, but said he thought they had come from Indians who were sighting in weapons taken from the Wounded Knee trading post.

"Don't think any shots have been fired at people," he said. Camp said the Indians wanted state and local governments to "become more sensitized to Indian problems." He said his group supported the action, but that it had been initiated by members of the Oglala Sioux, who were not AIM members.



FOR MY NEXT TRICK... Jockey Ron Atkins flies over the head of his horse "Buck's Head" during a stumble at the open ditch during Tuesday's running of the Certain Justice Steeplechase at Fontwell Park in England. Neither horse nor rider was hurt. (AP radiophoto)

U.S. ECONOMIC AIDE Blocking trade with Russia 'could harm Soviet Jews'

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Presidential aide Peter Flanigan said on Tuesday that congressional action to block trade concessions to Russia could harm Jewish emigration from Russia to Israel.

Mr. Flanigan, President Nixon's assistant for international economic affairs, told the National Association of Manufacturers the Administration realized that Jewish emigration was a serious problem about which something must be done.

But he opposed proposals in Congress that the U.S. bar most-favored-nation treatment to the Soviet Union until Russia dropped its education ransom tax.

This requires emigrants to pay large sums of money for their education before being allowed to leave. The tax has mainly hit Jews wishing to emigrate to Israel.

Mr. Flanigan suggested that the

kind of diplomacy being pursued by the President and Secretary of State William Rogers on the issue was the best approach.

He said: "We think congressional action (in not granting the Soviet Union most-favored-nation treatment in trade) would have a reverse effect to that intended by inhibiting the expansion of emigration out of the Soviet Union."

Earlier, at the same conference, Senator Edmund Muskie (Democrat, Maine) said the Soviet Union's policies towards emigrating Jews remained a major roadblock in the way of expanded East-West trade.

"Soviet leaders would be profoundly mistaken if they underestimated American feelings on the exit visa question," Senator Muskie said.

"Americans properly perceive the exorbitant taxes on Jewish emigrants... as being in violation of fundamental human rights and freedoms."

3 election officials arrested South Korean President just short of majority

SEOUL (Reuter). — South Korean President Park Chung Hee's ruling Democratic Republican party was yesterday just short of an overall majority after nearly complete returns from Tuesday's national assembly elections — the first under his sweeping new powers.

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BEIRUT (UPI). — Student demonstrators clashed with police in Damascus on Tuesday and demanded the overthrow of strongman President Hafez Assad, Beirut press reports said yesterday.

The newspaper "L'Orient-Le Jour" said "several demonstrators" were injured in the clashes, the first time Syrian riots of the past week have spread to the capital.

Last Wednesday in the central city of Hama, and Sunday in Homs, Moslems rioted in protest against the omission from Syria's proposed new constitution of a declaration that Islam is the state religion, the Beirut press said.

These reports said at least 50 persons were killed in those riots. Syria's state-run press and radio have made no mention of the disturbances. But Damascus is only 100 kms. from Beirut and travellers frequently bring out information, if a few days late.

"L'Orient" said the student demonstrators in Damascus distributed leaflets calling for "the downfall of the Alawite regime." The Alawites are a minority Moslem sect to which Gen. Assad, 46, belongs.

The leaflets said the fall of Assad's regime was "an indispensable condition for Syria's participation in the union planned by Egypt and Libya."

The Beirut reports said this reference to Libya strengthened rumors that the regime of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi was involved in stirring up the Syrian riots.

Lansky case goes to jury

MIAMI (AP). — The contempt trial of reputed underworld financier Meyer Lansky went to the jury yesterday after the presiding judge said the government's case hinged on whether Lansky actually believed travel would endanger his health.

U.S. District Court Judge James King told the eight-woman, four-man jury that the essential question in the government's charge that Lansky willfully disobeyed a subpoena to appear before a grand jury in March 1971 was whether Lansky acted in good faith.

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Six-second earth tremor shakes East Coast of U.S.

NEW YORK (UPI). — A six-second earth tremor hit the heavily populated eastern section of the U.S. yesterday morning, shaking buildings and waking residents from Trenton, New Jersey, to Baltimore, Maryland.

There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

A major earthquake struck a sparsely inhabited group of Soviet islands in the Northern Pacific and an "earthquake swarm" was reported in northern Nevada.

The tremor in the eastern U.S., which occurred at 3.30 a.m., "sounded like a far-away explosion," according to a UPI reporter there.

"My feet shook and the walls and building seemed to shake," said the reporter, Gerald McCoubough. "You could feel it in the pit of your stomach." The tremor triggered an avalanche of calls to police and the fire department.

Dr. Sheldon Alexander, professor of geophysics at the Pennsylvania State University, said it was "highly unlikely" the tremor was related to the earthquake near Japan.

Scientists at the Franklin Institute's Fels Planetarium reported the tremor in the eastern U.S. measured 3.4 on the Richter scale.

Earth tremors in that part of the country are rare.

In the western U.S., an "earthquake swarm" has been going on in northern Nevada, the University of Nevada seismology station reported.

More than 30 tremors have been recorded in northern Nevada, which has a scattered population, since February 23, with the strongest registering 3.7 on the Richter scale.

The quake in the Kurile Islands north of Japan registered at University of California's seismologic station as 7.5 on the Richter scale — a strong shock that caused damage in inhabited areas.

There were no immediate reports from the islands and earthquake officials in the U.S. said they expected there would be little damage since the area is not highly populated.

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Moslem shot in Manila after killing 2 policemen

MANILA (AP). — A heavily armed young Moslem carrying papers identifying him with the Moslem independence movement in the southern Philippines was gunned down on a busy Manila street yesterday after he shot and killed two policemen and wounded another.

Yesterday, Defence Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile said in a statement that "foreign interests are inducing, promoting and are responsible for the conflict" in Moslem areas in the southern Philippines.

"We have clear proof," Enrile said, "that these foreign interests have been supplying firearms to the outlaws in Mindanao and Sulu and have been training Moslem recruits to create trouble among the residents of the southern Philippines."

Police identified the Moslem as Ahmad Naga, a 19-year-old student at the Mindanao state university in southern Marawi city, Lanao province — a predominantly Moslem area.

Police said Naga, armed with a

pistol and revolver, shot dead Philip Constabulary Sgt. Rodrigo Lopez near Manila University, commandeered the victim's jeep, automatic rifle and a .45 calibre pistol and sped away.

Naga rushed toward bustling Rizal Avenue and began shooting at a traffic policeman, officer Hernandez Alfaro, who was killed on the spot. Police troopers aboard a passing car fired at Naga, who was killed after wounding another trooper, Lt. Nestor Ilagan.

Papers found on Naga's body by the police showed he was part of a "revenge group" for the "complete liberation of the Moslem lands in the Philippines" with the "support of Libya under Col. Gaddafi."

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Swedish envoys report on Jews in Syria, Iraq

STOCKHOLM (UPI). — Swedish diplomats in Syria and Iraq have been instructed to report any discrimination against the two countries' Jewish minorities, Swedish Foreign Minister Wickman said on Tuesday.

Replying to a question in the Riksdag (parliament), Mr. Wickman said Sweden condemns any form of discrimination against individuals or racial or other minorities.

"The government seeks continuous information on the Jewish minorities' situation in the mentioned countries. However, it is very difficult to get reliable reports."

"Since a long time back, our missions in the concerned countries are under instructions to follow the situation of the Jewish minorities and make the stand of the Swedish government known," Mr. Wickman said.

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Soldier killed taking Ulster pupils to school

BELFAST (AP). — A British soldier was shot dead here yesterday while escorting young children to school.

The army said he was hit by a single bullet. Troops failed to spot the hidden sniper and did not fire back.

The soldier was on the "heliport" escorting young children from the Crumlin Road, a dividing line between Roman Catholic and Protestant communities and often a scene of sectarian violence.

Every school-day, soldiers are assigned to take children to and from schools in the area.

Earlier, an opposition politician charged that a 15-year-old boy shot down yesterday was "murdered" in cold blood by British troops.

The boy, Kevin Houston, was dead as he lay at hospital in Newry near the Irish Republic border. The army said a gunman was hit when a patrol returned fire on a sniper.

Freddy O'Hanlon, a leader of the Catholic Social and Democratic Labour Party, charged that Kevin was killed by a bullet fired by a soldier. Evidence from a tape recording, made for a television film, would prove conclusively that the army was not fired upon and that only one shot was fired during the incident, he said.

The army said later: "We are checking the grounds for claiming a hit and it would seem they cannot be substantiated."

An official spokesman, expressing doubt whether a tape recording could provide decisive proof, said the army is investigating the shooting "as is normal whenever a soldier dies a shot."

Meanwhile, a policeman lay critically ill in hospital after his patrol was ambushed by gunmen in County Armagh. His colleague, Constable William Wylie, 26, was killed. The Provisional Army claimed responsibility.

Terrorists also blasted a police post with a Soviet-made rocket. The attack came soon after dawn on the Manchester police post at Belleek, on the touchy frontier with the Irish Republic.

The missile, reported to be one of the IRA's armory of Soviet-designed RPT-7 weapons, exploded when it hit the building's wall. No casualties were reported.

Two masked terrorists, believed to be IRA men, tried to burn down the home of a Protestant councillor in Fortadown, an industrial centre south of Belfast, on Tuesday night.

They smashed into city Alderman John Wright's house, splashed petrol over furniture, and set it alight, but the flames quickly died out.

They hit Wright's 80-year-old mother over the head with a club when she tried to stop the raiders, but she was not badly hurt.

The men next tried to burn down the home of Wright's daughter next door, but fled as neighbours screamed for help.

Troops found a bomb in a garden in Belfast's Ardoyne area yesterday. "There are two schools nearby," an army spokesman said. "It's a good job we got there first."

Kertchoo! Bit of moon disappears

LONDON (AP). — A speck of moon dust brought back to earth by the Apollo astronauts has vanished — possibly because somebody sneezed.

British scientists said the sample was in a metal slide that was sent from Loughborough University of Technology, where it was kept, to the Central Electricity Board laboratories in the Midlands for analysis under a powerful microscope.

But when the slide arrived at the laboratories Tuesday, scientists found it to be empty.

"No one knows how it got lost," an embarrassed official said. "It could have been blown away simply by someone sneezing near it. I doubt if we'll ever know."

An Electricity Board spokesman said no search was being made.

"It is almost impossible to find unless we have some idea where it was lost. If 50 specks like it were placed end to end they would only measure one millimetre," he added.



A lone cyclist on London's Victoria Embankment finds he has the best means of transport through the early morning traffic jams yesterday. Commuters drove into the capital as railwaymen went out on a 24-hour strike.

'Hell on wheels' Worst-ever traffic jams during U.K. rail strike

LONDON (UPI). — A 24-hour strike halted virtually every train in Britain yesterday. Cars flooded the roads and officials said they had never seen such traffic jams.

Supplies of gas were cut to more than 300 London schools, hundreds of businesses, 39 major hotels — and 39 pubs. Striking teachers sent 117,000 schoolchildren home, and non-medical hospital workers started striking ahead of schedule.

The "Strike a Day" week of protest actions against the government's pay freeze policies hit hardest yesterday. It was no day to go anywhere.

The state-owned railways immobilized practically every train. Even when non-striking engineers turned up, trains were cancelled because there was no guarantee passengers could get home later.

London underground engineers joined the one-day strike, cutting underground services to a third. Service was cancelled altogether on the District Line, one of the most heavily travelled.

A tidal wave of cars swept the roads. Officials said they had never seen anything like the resulting traffic jams.

"This is the worst morning ever for congestion in London," said a Scotland Yard spokesman. An Automobile Association spokesman said: "The best way to describe it is by saying that London now is just one big black spot."

"It's hell on wheels," another AA spokesman said.

On the three-lane Kingston bypass, a main feed road into central London, cars stacked bumper to bumper for "at least 8 km," an AA spokesman said. Roads from London to the heavily populated south-east were "at a standstill," he said.

Officials made parking free at every parking meter in town. Emergency car parks were opened. By 8 a.m. there wasn't a parking place to be found.

Thousands of motorists are just wandering around looking for places to park, said a spokesman for police in the City of London, the metropolis' heart.

Railwaymen were striking against Phase Two of the government's wage freeze, which holds increases to a maximum of 15 and pegs most below that.

So were the gas men, who made staying home no more pleasant than going out.

Flames burned low in most of the London homes which cook or heat with gas. They were out completely in the schools, pubs, factories and offices where supplies were cut off. Gas board spokesman said the situation was "critical" in the London area, hit by stepped up action by gas men, whose protest actions have cut supplies for two weeks.

Teachers picked new targets yesterday in the second day of three days of "selective" strikes. They are demanding higher allowances for living in London.

Non-medical hospital workers are due to strike about 100 hospitals today. But workers jumped the gun at four big hospitals yesterday in Birmingham, halting catering, laundry and cleaning services.

GHOST TRAIN

LONDON (UPI). — The 24-hour rail strike dried up all rail traffic by 5 a.m. yesterday and turned Victoria Station, one of London's busiest, into a ghost shed. "Then suddenly this train appeared," a British Rail spokesman said.

The 6:21 from Orpington pulled in, dead on time, because its engineer wanted to finish his shift, the spokesman said. It carried six passengers.

More collapse as poisonous fumes spread in Auckland

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP). — Ten more people collapsed yesterday in the streets of the Auckland suburb of Parnell swept by choking fumes from a cargo of chemical defoliant.

Hospital accident and emergency staff had by midnight treated 472 people for nausea, headaches and chest pains, in addition to 48 others detained in hospital. Three of those hospitalized were said to be seriously ill.

TPN chemical defoliant, manufactured in Mexico, was en route to Australia in the Cyprus freighter Good Navigator when about a dozen 44-gallon drums began to leak. The vessel put into Auckland Sunday and the next day the leaking liquid turned to fumes.

Sweltering heat added to the problems of people fighting to breathe.

About 6,000 workers and residents evacuated from Parnell Tuesday spent the night with friends or relatives or in special billets.

Animal welfare workers rescued dogs, cats, birds and other pets that had been left behind by their owners.

The crew of the freighter meanwhile scrubbed the contaminated foredeck.

Scientists and firemen sweated in heavy protective clothing as they poured neutralizing caustic solution on contaminated ground and covered it with plastic or tarpaulins.

When it is safe to do so, the soil will be scooped up and carted out of the city.

The Prime Minister, Norman Kirk, declared the district a disaster area as the rescue operation continued.

The chemical can kill if the unprotected victim is not treated. Death comes from respiratory failure. The gas can be inhaled or rapidly penetrate the skin.

A top-level inquiry is to probe why the drums were taken off the ship and stored in the town centre.

Opposition win seen as Irish go to the polls



Irish Republic Premier Jack Lynch casts his vote in Dublin during the Republic's election yesterday.

DUBLIN (UPI). — The Irish voted in record numbers yesterday as professional betters swung their odds behind the opposition.

Dublin's biggest bookmaking firm offered odds of 7 to 4 that opposition leader Liam Cosgrave and his coalition of parties would topple Premier Jack Lynch from power.

Mr. Lynch was the favourite when he called yesterday's snap general election three weeks ago.

But the campaign quickly centred on pocket-book issues, and there Cosgrave's combination of the Fine Gael and Labour parties gained ground. The soaring cost of living was the dominant issue, and spokesmen for all three parties agreed it hurt Mr. Lynch.

"They're talking prices and taxes and little else," a government spokesman said of the voters trooping to the polls in record numbers.

There are 1.7 million registered voters in the Republic's 42 constituencies. The ruling Fianna Fail party, trying for an absolute majority in the 146-seat Parliament, was encouraged by the heavy vote. "It looks like being a record high turnout," a party spokesman said.

COUNTING TODAY

The polls opened at 9 a.m. and closed at 8 p.m. Counting of the votes will begin today. Under Ireland's complex system of proportional representation through weighted preference votes, the result will not be known until tonight or tomorrow morning.

For the first time in 16 years, the government was opposed by a united opposition, which formed a pre-election coalition pact. Under the proportional representation system, voters can transfer votes in order of preference from one party candidate to another. This means the coalition parties, which polled a higher percentage of the popular vote in the 1989 election, could help each other in marginal seats.

Party spokesmen believed Mr. Lynch had miscalculated the mood of the voters in attempting to push national security and the Northern Ireland troubles to the forefront of the campaign.

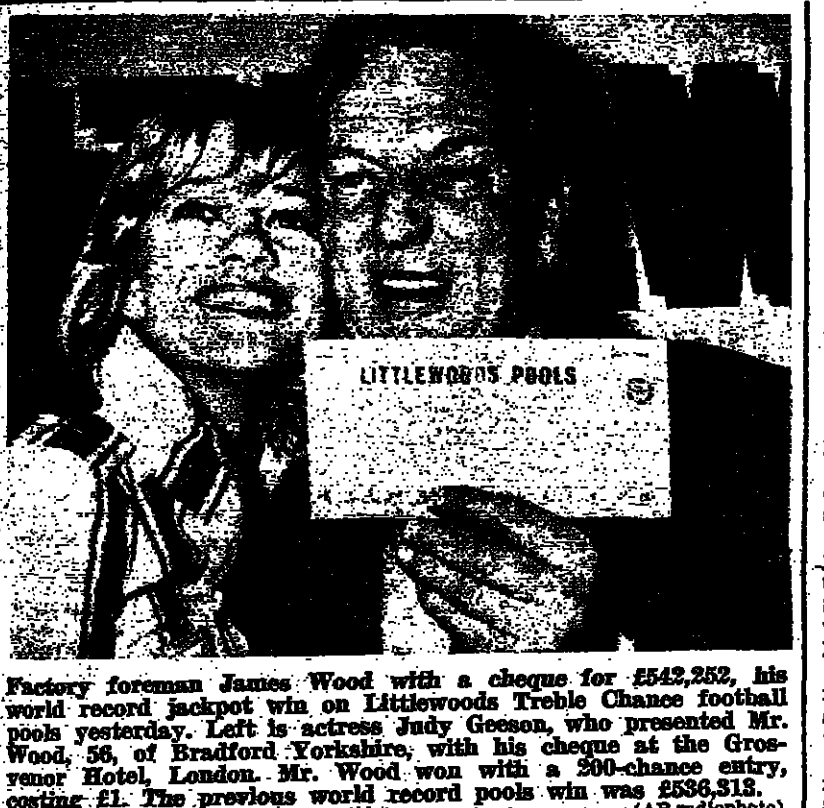
"The electorate just wouldn't buy it," a Fine Gael spokesman said. "Housewives were talking about the price of meat, bread and vegetables."

Just six days before polling, Mr. Lynch switched to social issues with an "election blockbuster" of sweeping tax concessions and higher social benefits for the old, unemployed and the housewife.

"We will know when the votes are counted if he left it too late," a Fianna Fail organizer said.

But political observers recalled that in 1989 election pre-polling betting ran heavily against Mr. Lynch. When the votes were counted, he emerged with 75 seats in Parliament — an overall majority.

"I'll do it again this time," Mr. Lynch predicted on the eve of the poll.



Factory foreman James Wood with a cheque for £542,252, his world record jackpot win on Littlewoods Treble Chance football pools yesterday. Left is actress Judy Geeson, who presented Mr. Wood, 56, of Bradford, Yorkshire, with his cheque at the Grosvenor Hotel, London. Mr. Wood won with a 300-chance entry, costing £1. The previous world record pools win was £286,313.

S. African universities protest student ouster

JOHANNESBURG. — University heads and students yesterday protested the government banning of eight leaders of the National Union of South African Students.

The government banned the students for five years under the Suppression of Communism Act following a parliamentary commission of inquiry into NUSAS activities.

Sir Richard Luyt, principal of the University of Cape Town, said, "Young people have had draconian measures taken against their freedom and their rights as members of universities and as citizens — measures which are not the outcome of normal judicial processes."

Prof. Guenther Rossmil, principal and vice-chancellor of the University of the Witwatersrand, said the eight students had been "subjected to a most severe punishment without trial."

Dr. J. M. Hyslop, vice-chancellor of Rhodes University, said the banning "must convey a sense of shock to all right-thinking people... I have always taken the view that banning is an inhuman form of punishment — the more particularly when guilt has not been proved in public."

Hundreds of students in a Witwatersrand campus meeting yesterday condemned the government's action. A student picket line formed outside the university gates carrying banners reading, "We are right behind the NUSAS," "Only the innocent are banned in South Africa," and calling on the government to "revoke the bans."

"We are as guilty as they are," one poster said.

Students handed out pamphlets which said the government had "again" dissociated itself from the ideals of academic freedom, civil rights and individual liberty.

The acting president of NUSAS, Roy Ainslee, challenged the government to take the banned students to court to "prove their guilt."

Declaring that his union unequivocally supported the banned eight, Mr. Ainslee said in a statement that the action represented "another attempt by the Nationalist government to distract attention from the real issues facing our nation: labour and education."

"We are tired of a government hiding behind administrative actions like banning."

"If Mr. Vorster and his cabinet have any proof that these students have broken the law, let them take them to court and prove their guilt there," he said.

Creamcheese for all

ADRIAN (Reuters). — Mr. Suede Creamcheese, of the Happy Birthday party, is set for election here in the South Australian state elections next month.

Mr. Creamcheese, 21, who changed his name from Paul Peach by deed poll, says his platform is "a can of cream cheese" and he stands for "yummy, not gravity, fun and enjoyment, sexual freedom and all other freedoms."

In last year's New Zealand election, a man who changed his name to Wilkies Mouse and formed the Mad Habits Two party, received more than 100 votes.

Anne talks horse sense

LONDON (AP). — Princess Anne, daughter of Queen Elizabeth II, gave newsmen a hard ride — and a lesson on horses — before galloping off with the young cavalry officer she has been dating, the "Guardian" newspaper reported yesterday.

Princess Anne, 22, emerged with Lt. Mark Phillips from his parents' farmhouse home in Berkshire on Tuesday, she reined in her horse before a band of photographers.

"You get my goat," she told them, according to the "Guardian."

"I've just got him settled, now you upset him," she said.

"Horses are very sensitive. They're not like humans. They don't understand what all the fuss is about. I'm going to come here every day and do the same thing every day — how long are you going to keep this up?"

Before galloping off with Phillips, Anne added that reporters the previous day had got the name of her horse wrong.

It was called Columbus — not Red Passion, she stated.

Not bloody likely

LONDON (UPI). — When customs men went on strike on Monday, hopeful officials sprinkled "honesty boxes" in the arrival areas of London airport and invited passengers to declare their own dutiable goods. The boxes were opened yesterday. A spokesman said they contained nothing but garbage and rude messages.

Amin orders army to seize 'racist club'

KAMPALA (Reuters). — President Idi Amin of Uganda has ordered the army to take over two predominantly European clubs at Jinja, 80 kms. east of here, Radio Uganda reported yesterday.

General Amin toured the Jinja Club and the Jinja Sailing Club on Tuesday, the radio said. He found that they had "all European members."

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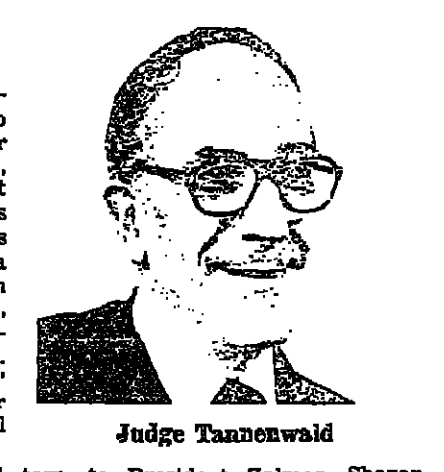
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Reform college plans expansion in Jerusalem

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"A NOMINAL rent." Finance Minister Levi Eshkol suggested to Dr. Nelson Glueck in 1963. After years of trials and disappointments, the late archaeologist and President of the Hebrew Union College was finally on the verge of realizing his great dream: the establishment of a branch of the College, the Reform Movement's educational institute, here in Jerusalem to teach archaeology and history of the Holy Land.

What did he mean by a "nominal" rent? Dr. Glueck asked. A quarter of a million dollars a year, Eshkol replied.



Judge Tannenwald



Dr. Gottschalk

The property in question was a Government-owned plot adjacent to the King David Hotel. It looked across a narrow strip of no man's land into the barrels of the Arab Legion's guns.

Dr. Glueck protested. In America "nominal" meant something different. How much? Eshkol asked, blandly. "A dollar a year," the scholar ventured. The Minister's face creased into a warm smile. He stretched out his hand and sealed the deal.

Since then, the Hebrew Union College pays the Government \$1 per year for the use of its small but recently landscaped campus in Rehov King David, in what is now the bustling centre of united Jerusalem. Two years ago Premier Golda Meir and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir agreed to lease the adjoining lot — the former road licence offices — to the College on the same terms. Building plans are already in an advanced stage and soon spacious new facilities will arise on the site, enabling H.U.C. Jerusalem to develop into a world centre for Reform Judaism.

ters, to President Zalman Shazar. The presentation ceremony will be followed by a dinner in the Knesset tendered by Acting Premier Yigal Alon to the Board of Governors and their guests.

For Theodore Tannenwald of Washington, D.C., Judge of U.S. Federal Tax Court — the Jerusalem meeting is his first time in the chairman's seat. He was elected to the position in January, having joined the Board 18 years ago.

"I became a real Jew because of Israel," the judge admits with pride. Born and reared in Valatie, N.Y., which boasted a Jewish population of four families, his Jewish education was "almost zero." He qualified in law with distinction (Phi Beta Kappa) and went to work in Secretary of State Averell Harriman's Foreign Aid Programme. Here he came to know Moshe Shertok (Sharet) and Eliahu Epstein (Elath), the emissaries of the Jewish Agency and later of the Jewish state. He met them first in the Pentagon corridors of power, unshaven, in baggy trousers and "thoroughly disreputable looking," he now recalls laughing. They were seeking 100,000 blankets for the Yishuv. He hardly imagined that in a very few years both men would be "the epitome of sartorial elegance."

Judge Tannenwald says he views his own discovery of Judaism and Jewish identity through Israel as a symbol in microcosm of what the H.U.C. is hoping to achieve, through its College in Jerusalem, on a larger scale for thousands of young American Jews.

Dr. Gottschalk, who took over the Presidency of H.U.C. when Dr. Glueck died a year ago, made his name in building up the College's West Coast branch into a flourishing academic institution. He forged ties with the neighbouring University of Southern California, enabling his students to take Masters degrees there in social sciences simultaneously with their Jewish studies at the College. This pattern has now been followed by H.U.C. in Cincinnati itself, in New York (with New York University and Columbia) and here in Jerusalem.

One year in Jerusalem

At present, all the rabbinical students at H.U.C.'s Cincinnati centre and its branches in New York and California are required to spend one year of their course at the Jerusalem college. When the new buildings are completed there will be room for all H.U.C. postgraduate students, in arts and social sciences as well as rabbinics, to spend a year in Jerusalem specializing in Jewish studies, history and archaeology.

Need of \$9m.

In 1961 Sharet returned, in need of \$9 million. The sum seems small enough today, but then it was the difference between solvency and bankruptcy for the infant state. Tannenwald helped get the money from Foreign Aid, and from then on he has been helping Israeli diplomats in Washington to negotiate loans and grants from the U.S. Government. When he left the Government service and returned to private law practice he was retained by the Israeli Embassy in Jerusalem as an adviser on these matters.

A year-long programme for undergraduates is also being developed by the Jerusalem H.U.C. in cooperation with the Hebrew University, and summer courses are planned for synagogues of the National Federation of Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The Synagogue's youth movement in the U.S. H.U.C. President, Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, who told me the anecdote of Mr. Eshkol and Dr. Glueck, expects that over 5,000 students and young people will be coming to Jerusalem each year under these various programmes.

His senior partner in his New York law firm, Frank Weil, served as Chairman of the H.U.C. Board of Governors until his death in 1957. When he died it seemed natural for Tannenwald to take a place on the Board.

Dr. Gottschalk is here this week together with some 30-odd governors of H.U.C. to participate in the Board of Governors meeting being held in Jerusalem to mark the tenth anniversary of the local college.

Highlighting the week's events will be the award, this afternoon, of an honorary Doctorate of Hebrew Let-

In 1965 he was appointed to a Federal judgeship in the tax courts. He is currently a member of the Israel Tax Foundation, an advisory body of jurists set up to develop links between the U.S. and Israel and to develop a U.S. tax law library in Israel.

Top and bottom clash

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Top and bottom of the National League clash at Ganei Gil in Ramat Gan this Saturday, with Hakoah entertaining Marmorek Hapoel.

Marmorek last week brought off a useful away victory in Petah Tikva. The Rehovot team, led by Shariel and Ornstein, refuse to give up hope of remaining in the National League and no team can afford to take them lightly in their present fighting mood.

Hakoah's defence has not yielded a goal in its last five matches, and the going will be extremely tough for the Marmorek attack. All form pointers indicate a Hakoah home win.

Second-placed Tel Aviv Hapoel, now within two points of Hakoah, play at home to Petah Tikva Maccabi. Hapoel are showing signs of returning to form, though they were lucky to beat Shimshon last week. Petah Tikva forced a draw in Netanya last Saturday but were not impressive. On paper there is little in it.

Jerusalem Hapoel play at home with Jaffa Maccabi as visitors. This promises to be a hard-fought game, with either side at its best being capable of collecting both points. A low-scoring game looks most likely.

All the clubs near the foot of the table can be expected to pull out all stops to win points. Petah Tikva Hapoel are at home to Jerusalem Betar. The home side will have to play very much more inspired football than they did against Marmorek last week in order to have hopes of winning. The Betar defence has tightened up very considerably and one cannot see Petah Tikva getting many goals. But, home ground advantage may enable Visoker and his team to hold onto a point.

In Netanya, Beersheba Hapoel, which again hit its best form in recent weeks, plays Netanya Maccabi. The home side will not be easily beaten and with so much at stake might manage to win this week.

Shimshon too will find the going tough this Saturday, playing in Haifa. Moshe Romano may not be fit to lead the Shimshon attack. In his

absence it is doubtful if Dami and co. will be strong enough to collect any points.

Although both sides are firmly stuck in the centre, the clash between Tel Aviv Maccabi and Haifa Hapoel at Bloomfield will probably draw the biggest crowd of the day. The Maccabi attack has been extremely ragged, averaging less than a goal a game. Home ground advantage may just swing the game to the Tel Avivians.

No Sportoto pool player managed to mark 13 correct results last week, so prize moneys have been transferred to make a minimum payout of IL800,000 assured for this week.

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Flower show will be Israel's biggest ever

By YA'ACOV ARDON, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 25th birthday of the State will be celebrated here with a superlative Florade expected to virtually envelop Central Carmel in colours and scents, from Gan Ha'em to the Rothschild Centre.

Flowers show director Shmuel Bialik announced on Tuesday that the Florade will be held from April 15 to 23 and would cover an area of 40 dunams. The show, he said, will be "the largest and most diversified ever in Israel." A team of four Dutch experts, headed by Prince G. W. Baron van Dedem, president of the famed Dutch Florade, will come to Israel to guide the city — aside from hundreds of growers and horticulturists from Israel and abroad.

Gan Ha'em has been closed for the show and 40,000 Dutch bulbs and seeds planted there. One of four rare trees among those imported has already been stolen, apparently by a knowing connoisseur. The tree was taken clean out of the ground, despite the park's being closed.

Mr. Bialik said the show would offer sections of live trees and shrubs sculptured into animals, medicinal plants, ornamental plants, the floral triumphs of Israel's nurserymen in the past 25 years, tropical plants, illuminated water fountains, orchids from East and West, rare flowers and birds from Africa, flower arrangements and underwater scenes and fairs.

The small cinema at the Rothschild Centre will screen nature films on flora around the world. The Hebrew University's Agriculture Faculty in Rehovot will demonstrate new flower-growing techniques and the Ministry of Agriculture a model of a hothouse. Dutch influence will be marked this year, Mr. Bialik said, by tulips that will form



The show's poster

virtual carpets in the park." At night coloured illumination would provide special effects in the exhibition area and in Central Carmel Square.

Mr. Bialik foresees no crowding this year because the area will be three times the size of that in the past and because visitors will not have to follow a fixed route. Tickets will be valid for the whole day. Large families will be given a 50 per cent reduction through "Zehavi," the social organization that represents them. A ticket will cost IL3 for adults and IL2 for police, soldiers and children. Groups will also be given reductions.

Cellist shows his gratitude

MICHAEL Malsky, a young cellist who arrived in Israel a few weeks ago from the Soviet Union, is showing his gratitude for having been able to come to Israel and bring his cello with him. He will give a recital in aid of the Allyn Orthopaedic Hospital and ILAN, One Society for Handicapped Children, in Jerusalem, on Saturday, March 10. He will perform works by Locatelli, Frescobaldi, Paganini, Bloch and Shostakovich, accompanied by his sister, Lina Jacobson, who came to Israel four years ago. The concert will take place in the Allyn Hospital's Auditorium; tickets can be obtained through Allyn and Ilan (tel. 524251 and 223584, respectively).

Michael Malsky has already appeared with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and has given a recital at the Tel Aviv Museum. He is also scheduled to appear with the Israel Chamber Ensemble and, at the Passover Music Festival at Bin Gev, with the Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra.

A story of no consequence

TAKE TWO (Armon, Jerusalem; Gat, Tel Aviv; Pear, Haifa and Oasis, Ramat Gan).

Baruch Dinear, the producer, scriptwriter and director of "Take Two" is undoubtedly a competent film technician. He is a veteran director of TV films and documentaries and a dozen years ago he made a full length Israeli feature film, "They Were Ten." However, all the craftsmanship he brings to the technical side of the present production does not suffice.

The subtleties of script and intricacies of directing have escaped him completely. "Take Two," intended to be a simple love story about a people, emerges as a story of no consequence apart from a few finely filmed scenes.

Characterization is flat and wooden. None of the characters lives, except perhaps Sherry Ren Smith, a young American actress playing in her first film. As a young American girl trying to break into films in Israel, she presumably just had to play herself. This she did quite well. On Levy, the other star playing a film director, delivers his wooden lines stiffly.

NEW QUARTERS for the Department of Agricultural Education at the Hebrew University Faculty of Agriculture were dedicated Wednesday in memory of Eliezer Reggev, late director of the Agriculture Ministry's Department of Agricultural Education. At the same ceremony the Reggev Memorial Prize was awarded to the outstanding new Nahal group, and Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren spoke on "Israel's Jewish Image and the Jewish Meaning of Settlement."

One of Mr. Dinear's purposes in this film was to initiate cinemagoers into the mysteries of film-making. However, he grossly oversimplifies the complexities of the art. Levy, assistant Smith all the tricks of the trade in about a week or so and they gallivant around the Israel countryside as a two-man film crew. The music by Noam Sheriff is good, with songs in Hebrew and English, and the dialogue is also a realistic

Until the audiences have had a chance to express their preferences, future programmes will include Fellini's "8½" and "Rosemary's Baby," directed by Roman Polanski. To help them refresh their memories in making their selection, the club's young sabra organizer, Rami Ben-Zvi, will regularly distribute a list of suggested movies from which to choose. His first such list includes "The Good Earth," "Husbands" and "Dr. Strangelove."

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Golda hopes, Sadat threatens

PRIME Minister Golda Meir yesterday started her official conversations in Washington sounding the same note of cautious optimism which she voiced upon arrival in the U.S. capital — namely that the time is ripe for serious movement towards some kind of settlement in the area.

Ironically, even as Mrs. Meir was expressing hope, President Anwar Sadat told journalists in Cairo that Egypt had no alternative but to "bear arms" against Israel or "surrender." He went even a step further, adding that Egypt's present diplomatic activity — presumably a reference to the travels of his adviser, Hafez Ismail — was part of the preparation for the "inevitable battle."

Had Sadat intended his remarks to be taken seriously he would undoubtedly know that he was merely highlighting Israel's continuing need for military strength and deterrent power.

But, the "Washington Post" notwithstanding, Mrs. Meir's visit is intended to deal with more than that. The Prime Minister and President Nixon and his aides wish, as they have repeatedly indicated, to clarify the prospects and the procedures for moving ahead towards some kind of agreement which could provide for a firmer pattern of stability than the present ceasefire, and which could perhaps ultimately evolve into some kind of settlement.

Sadat's primary aim in preparing for such a diplomatic effort is twofold: to persuade the U.S. that he is prepared to accept an American initiative, but at the same time to strengthen his bargaining position by brandishing the threat of "the battle."

Yet much has happened in the

Middle East in the past two years, and there is little reason to believe that any party, including the U.S., is prepared to take such threats seriously.

This means that Sadat is being continually compelled to recognize that if the military option is really only a dream, his choice is not between war and peace, but between maintaining the status quo or accepting some process of negotiation.

But here too his bargaining posture has been weakened. Until 1971 he believed that he could obtain Israeli withdrawal without bargaining directly with Jerusalem. The U.S., the Big Four, Dr. Jarring and the U.N., singly or together, would, he hoped, interpose themselves between him and Israel. Whatever agreement would be achieved would, therefore, be not with Israel, but through and with a third party.

However, the chances of any such third party role have now diminished. The U.S. has explicitly stated that any agreement must be concluded directly by the parties, even if others help set the stage.

This is the real dilemma that Sadat faces, and he has thus far appeared more interested in manoeuvring to maintain the status quo, than in taking genuine diplomatic action to alter it. The Nixon Administration believes that the ultimate will have to opt for talks, and would like to encourage him in this direction. But it is also realized in Washington, as in Jerusalem, that it is Cairo's decision, and it is a decision which cannot be hurried.

Until that time, it is the ceasefire, and the military balance that sustains it, which must be encouraged.

ISRAEL PRESS

'Balanced resolution'

Devar (Hastadrut): "The IFALPA resolution is balanced and worthy of appreciation and support. In total contrast to this resolution, Egypt on Tuesday again rejected the Defence Minister's call to establish emergency communications between Israel and the Arab countries in order to prevent such tragedies in the future. Egypt and the other Arab countries thereby assume very grave responsibility."

Hatzofe (National Religious) and Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) agree that the IFALPA resolution is reasonable and moderate compared

with that of the U.N. Human Rights Committee, which has joined the ranks of the enemies of Israel and accused Israel of murdering the innocent. A comparison of both resolutions shows the bias of resolutions passed by U.N. bodies. She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael): "Israel's confused reaction and defeatist attitude to the attacks upon her have enhanced the audacity of Israel's enemies, who are self-righteous and hypocritical."

Omer (Hastadrut), accusing Israel's propaganda machinery of mismanagement, declares: "This failure has aided the Arab propaganda campaign."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) says Mrs. Meir's statements in the U.S. have presented Israel's position in a spirit of flexibility and reasonableness, indicating that Israel acknowledges the need to thaw the Middle East deadlock. The paper, noting that President Sadat's adviser, Hafez Ismail, also did not display an intransigent attitude, foresees the possible opening of a prospect for a settlement.

Ha'aretz (non-party) on recent murders in Gaza: "The persons murdered were neighbouring heads of the terrorist organisations seemingly wish to prevent establishment of a recognized representation of Gaza residents, which is why they are murdering public figures. They want the population in Gaza and the Strip to be a leaderless, silent and fearful mass, and the Israeli authorities must accordingly clamp down."

RUSSIA FEARS CHINA'S TIES WITH U.S., JAPAN

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RELATIONS between China and the Soviet Union, which seemed to be improving towards the end of last year, are darkening again. In Moscow, there is increasing anxiety and exasperation at the steadily developing contacts between China and the outside world.

In part, this is because of the unexpected warming-up of the relationship between Japan and China. Soviet policy in the course of the last year or so has been to cultivate, with a haste born of acute unease, the present Japanese Government in order to delay any such reconciliation. Foreign Minister Gromyko visited Japan on the eve of President Nixon's visit to China.

This policy seems now to be breaking down. The Chinese have taken steps to conciliate the Japanese — the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Tanaka, went to Peking and was painstakingly fêted and fêted last year — while Soviet-Japanese relations have bogged down in the arguments over Japan's wish to regain four northern islands annexed by the Russians at the end of the war.

As the Russians see it, Dr. Kissinger is cunningly orchestrating the harmony in eastern Asia. If Japan, the U.S. and China are all in accord with each other, this, in the Soviet view, will inevitably be based on a common hostility to the Soviet Union.

Soviet broadcasts have recently been devoting much time to denying reports by China and its new friends about a mounting Soviet military threat to the Chinese border. These reports are quoted as proof that Mao and his "clique" are really in league with the capitalists.

Recent rumours in London that Britain was contemplating selling 200 Harrier vertical take-off fighters to China brought a typical Moscow Radio report: "The Maoist leadership's foreign policy is in line with the objectives of British imperialism."

In general, the Soviet line is to deny a Soviet threat to China from the north, and to proclaim a threat to China from the south: the Americans, still, are the enemies of Chinese security, but the Maoists are too blind and opportunist to see it.

'Threat of U.E.'

"In the Asian countries south of China," one such Russian broadcast in Chinese said last week, "there is a network of U.S. military bases which encircle China. In Laos and Cambodia, the flames of war whipped up by U.S. imperialism are still raging. The U.S. has long occupied Taiwan island and there is no sign of withdrawal. The Japanese so-called 'defence forces' which in fact reveal the revival of militarism, are already planning future military actions against China."

This sort of appeal, aimed at the secret

doubts of party men in China for whom the diplomatic scenery has changed too fast in the preceding year, is not going to cut much ice with the leadership.

For the rest of the area, the Russians allege that China is not so much threatened as threatening. In a shrewd move last month, the Soviet Press began to give much stronger support to the Indian case in the border dispute with China over the Himalayan frontier. And Russian captains have been taking considerable risks with unswerving faith to get their cargoes into Haiphong harbour. This is another area of influence which the emerging American-Sino-Japanese partnership might take away from the Soviet Union.

The Chinese do not, in fact, seem to be interested in expansion. If the Russians still affect to regard them as an aggressive Asiatic horde awaiting its moment to emulate Genghis Khan, the Chinese see only the vastly superior Soviet weaponry arrayed on their continental borders. They know that they are weaker: their interest in the frontier — and the interest, at least, in a fact — can be associated with their installation of medium-range nuclear missiles in hardened sites. This is "second strike capacity": rockets which can hit back at the enemy after surviving a presumed first attack by the Soviet Union.

In the long term, the Chinese watch with misgivings the force reduction talks now getting under way at Vienna, which could eventually release many Soviet divisions from Europe for service along the Chinese frontier.

KEEPING POSTED

WE had some friends, long gone now, who were not only avid gardeners but great believers in natural compost. At the bottom of their garden in Rehavia was a pile lovingly constructed of dead plants, dry leaves, potato peelings and other vegetable waste from the kitchen. Layers of soil were carefully scattered on top at intervals and no doubt there was also an incantation or two for the lady of the house was a great believer in astrology and in the occult. She also bought wheat in the market, ground it between two stones, and made the most delicious bread we have ever eaten. Spurred on by the sight of her flourishing plants, we tried a compost heap ourselves, but the dry feathery stuff we produced was not much good. We fed it some tomato plants once. The seeds germinated and new plants grew, and finally there were the smallest, hardest, yellowest, driest tomatoes we had ever seen. Perhaps the incantations were missing.

WE gave compost up again when we read a short story — the author escapes us — about a couple who became so obsessed with their compost heap that they could scarcely bear to eat any food, preferring to sacrifice it to their Moloch outside. In the end a stranger visited them and suddenly died. After a little hesitation it seemed too terrible a waste to let him be buried in the ordinary way, and they cut him up for the compost heap. The result was that they were charged with murder. Their worst moment came when they realized that all their good compost had been thrown away by the police.

THIS unpleasant fantasy has been much on our mind since all the public gardens and strips of green in Jerusalem have been getting a generous coating of compost with a sweetish, nauseating smell, with a suggestion of dead bodies in it, much like that described in the tale. Perhaps the stuff should be dug in, perhaps it would be enough if it would just rain heavily on it. We have made some inquiries, and round nobody is saving cemetery space or grinding up dogs and cats. The places that make wine and citrus juice used to have a problem

getting rid of the half-dry waste, and this has now economically been turned into fertilizer. It saves the factories the expense of burning or burying it, protects our underground water reserves from pollution by chemical fertilizers, and generally performs the ecological miracle now known as re-cycling. The smell is just an extra.

WE looked out of the window one morning, guiltily enjoying the winter sunshine when it should be raining, and seeing that the little public garden there looks dry and sad. Beyond the garden a truck had pulled up and as we watched a man pushed in a wheelbarrow of the terrible grey muck and began to plaster it down between the roses. The smell rose up, fresh and powerful. We closed all the windows but it was all over the house already.

WE asked the man with the wheelbarrow how much he was paid for this unattractive job. He misunderstood the question. An honest man, he answered that he could not sell us any of the stuff for it belonged to the town. But there was a big heap by the gate and if we just wanted a little for plants outside, for instance, we should take it, who would be the wiser? We thanked him and since then have been looking with affection at the most stunted and underfed of plants struggling to support life without compost.

THE THINGS THEY SAY

As a Communist I could not possibly consider carting to their Highnesses. Miss Jeanne Fomina, film editor with Russian television, after refusing to curtsy to Prince Rainier. The Government must remember that even if we haven't any galloos, we have plenty of lamp-posts. If the powers that be don't do something to bring back the death penalty, then the people will — Mr. Charles Simeons, British M.P.

MOSCOW WANTS MIDEAST ROLE



Egyptian War Minister Ahmed Ismail Ali (left) stands with Soviet Defence Minister Andrei Grechko in the Kremlin on Tuesday. (AP radiophoto)

By DEV MURARKA MOSCOW (Ofs). —

IF the recent four-day visit to Moscow by Hafez Ismail, adviser to President Sadat, is the precursor of Soviet efforts to find a Middle East settlement in association with the U.S., the Russians are making their views known well in advance. They do not intend that such a settlement shall leave Washington with all the prestige, or that a partial settlement or failure to reach one leaves Russia with the blame.

The Russians are opposed to the re-opening of the Suez Canal, except as part of an overall settlement. The argument here is that after the opening of the Canal, the Soviet Union will have no level to influence Israel. While for economic reasons the Russians would like the Canal to be open, they believe the Western nations are in more of a hurry to get it going again. So Moscow sees no advantage for itself or the Arab countries in opening the Canal before a settlement is reached on other thorny issues.

Comments in the Soviet press which have followed Mr. Ismail's visit also indicate that Soviet-Egyptian relations are on the mend. Moscow let the Egyptians understand that it was not averse to supplying more arms to Cairo on a limited scale. The Soviet Union has agreed to speed up construction of the Holwan steel plant being built under Russian auspices.

Mellowing of the Soviet attitude follows a period of tough policy after President Sadat ordered the Soviet military advisers to leave Egypt last July. The explanation is that Cairo became dangerously isolated during this period and subject to greater pressure from America and other Western countries. It is claimed in Moscow that the Egyptians also realized the dangers of a prolonged quarrel and have lately been quietly taking measures to undo the damage done to Soviet-Egyptian relations. And the Russians have responded cautiously, but quite warmly.

The Soviet assumption is that in any negotiations, Cairo would still want to rely on Soviet diplomatic support. Any solution must be within the bounds of public acceptability in the Arab world. But since Arab public opinion is so volatile no Arab leader can be expected to be seen or heard talking to the Israeli side except through intermediaries.

Moscow is confident, given its own growing accord with Washington, that both sides to the Middle East dispute can be persuaded to accept a solution which will guarantee Israel's existence and the inviolability of Arab territories and a withdrawal of Israel troops from occupied land. But Moscow is equally sure that this cannot be done if the U.S. emerges as a sole mediator between the two sides.

Readers' letters

Tolerating missionaries

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — As a visitor to your country I have been shown nothing but friendliness, open-mindedness and hospitality. I have watched you and about you. My admiration for Jews in your inner courage and strength, your dynamism in building a State of Israel and your tolerance in accepting newcomers has no bounds. There are no foreigners in Israel, only new immigrants. I have come to love the people of Israel and their feeling of freedom, but reading in The Post about Dr. Warhaftig's proposed action against missionaries (February 13), I cannot keep silent.

In Israel to build a state of religious intolerance and bigotry? Surely the Jews of all people have paid the price of religious intolerance and persecution. Are they now to impose the very same restrictions upon others of different beliefs from which they themselves have suffered? Is it the Jewish faith strong enough to withstand a Jew 'Jew' for Jesus' movements? I agree with Mr. Shapiro, the Justice Minister, who says: "If you want to rule Jerusalem, you must accept this sort of thing." Is the Holy City once again to suffer intolerance and strife, or will it under the new state rule, have freedom of religion and thought for every living soul who comes here either to live or as a pilgrim?

Come, Israel, you are a young, vital, dynamic, freedom-loving people. I pray that God gives you the wisdom and maturity gained through terrible suffering to act in compassion and justice to all those who come within your boundaries. SWAMI DATANANDA, Tel Aviv (Canada), February 13.

Sir, — I read with great relief your report of February 13 that Dr. Warhaftig was considering action to curb missionary activity. I know that I am talking on behalf of a large group of concerned citizens when I say that the time has come to show the world that Israel's ideal of freedom of religion cannot be exploited. That the liberty of practice for all faiths cannot be mocked by subversive sects who want to undermine the legacy of the Jewish people. That, in Jerusalem, the Holy City and the City of Peace, infringement upon the right to religious self-realization will not be accepted.

Those heretics who refuse to believe should be brought out into the open. And those who have taken residence in Israel under the false pretext of being Jews should be expelled. HENNING SCHWARTZ, Ramat Aviv, February 19.

Sir, — It is one thing if the Chief Rabbi of Israel is concerned about the activities of missionaries inside the Jewish Community and considers it his duty to raise his voice in order to avert a possible danger of mass proselytism. But it is quite another matter when a Government Minister considers himself entitled to demand official action (including the rather doubtful one of re-appointing legally performed conversions) against a newly formed group of Jewish believers in Jesus. Such ministerial measures encroach upon the freedom of speech, conscience and belief guaranteed to all Israel's citizens, bring no honour to our State and impinge on its democratic principles.

Does Dr. Warhaftig really fear that the activities of that handful of people may develop into a danger for Jewish religion? E. GRONEMAN, Haifa, February 20.

THE CASE FOR CABLE TV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — On February 20, you carried a report of a press conference held by Shmuel Almog, the Broadcasting Authority.

Mr. Almog was questioned about Telepro International's offer to install cable television in Israel, at no expense to the government. Almog reported as saying that "cable television was only viable in large cities" and that it was "unthinkable that there should be better facilities in Tel Aviv than in Dimona or Kiryat Shmona." I thus setting up the bogey of exclusion and discrimination against development towns. Almog is attempting to buttress his opposition cable television. However, the champion of the small town or forgotten that I visited him on 18 months ago and furnished him with written information which, together with our own discussion, completely refutes this argument. In fact, cable television originates in the small towns of America. These small towns, the viewers are unable to obtain good reception from TV stations located in distant towns or cities. Only in the past three years or so has cable television been a factor in big cities.

Mr. Almog also claimed that "cable television would have to be financed by advertising." He again he is misleading the public.

Firstly, many cable systems financed by subscriber fees — advertising. Secondly, Mr. Almog person has been one of the prime exponents of commercials on TV. He has repeatedly claimed that commercials can relieve budgetary problems and help prove TV programming.

MAX N. OS, Managing Director, Telepro International, Herzliya, February 20.

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